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NET CLOSING AROUND HANKOW.

CHIANG'S DEFINITE MOVE.

YANG SEN MAKES RAPID ADVANCE.

NORTHERN CRUISERS BOMBARD WOOSUNG.

CHUCHOW'S EARLY FALL?

The net around Hankow is tightening according to three separate reports received to-day. The first states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is marshalling reserve forces to move against the "Reds" and that troops on the Kiangsi-Hunan border are marching against Wuchang. The second report states that Nationalist troops are marching against Changsha, while from the Upper Yangtze it is stated that General Yang Sen has come far down the river and is now at a point eight miles below Yochow—relatively close to Hankow. He has commandeered a Portuguese ship for the transport of troops.

Meanwhile, the clash between the North and South in the region of Nanking continues, it being reported that Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's forces have cut the Pukow-Tientsin railway about 30 miles above Pukow. It is stated that the Nationalists have captured Chuanchao and that the fall of Chuchow is imminent.

Two Northern cruisers have started the bombardment of the Woosung Forts. An amusing incident in connexion with this is that when five Southern destroyers heard of the impending attack, they fled up river above Shanghai for safety.

In connexion with the British forces now in China, it was stated yesterday in the House of Commons that there are 12 infantry Battalions and one Marine Battalion comprising the Shanghai Defence Force. There is no intention, at present, of sending home the Class A Reservists.

RESERVISTS NOT BEING RECALLED.

Hankow, May 17. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is marshalling his reserve forces to move against the "Red" element on a large scale. Orders have already been given to a large body of troops stationed at Yanchow and Kian. Important points on the Kiangsi-Hunan border—and they are reported to be advancing on Wuchang.

Meanwhile another force of Nationalist troops are marching against Changsha from Hengchow. Hengchow is about 200 miles to the south of Changsha, and both are on the Sian-kiang River.

Portuguese Ship Seized.

A message from Shasi states that General Yan Sen, the perpetrator of the Wansien outrage, yesterday commandeered a Portuguese steamer for use as a transport.

Yan Sen moved a large body of troops, some in the steamer and some in junks towed by the vessel, to a place about eight miles on the Hankow side of Yochow. The troops were landed on the south bank of the river.

It is understood that Yang Sen's troops are acting under the orders of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and that they are anti-Red.

The foreign settlement at Shasi is reported to be quiet.—Naval Wireless.

THE YANGTZE BATTLES.

Southerners Go Up-River.

Nanking, May 17. The regular cross-river traffic between Nanking and Pukow has been resumed now that both places are under the Nationalist regime, and the situation is returning to normal.

The Northerners have several field guns in strong positions behind the hill just beyond Pukow, and at intervals yesterday they engaged the Nationalist guns at Tiger Island and Lion Hill.

Large numbers of Southern forces are now moving up the river bank from Nanking.

It is reported that Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's troops have cut the Pukow-Tientsin railway about 80 miles above Pukow.—Naval Wireless.

CRUISERS SHELL WOOSUNG.

Chiang's Flotilla Flees.

Shanghai, May 18. The Northern cruisers Hsichi and Chao, part of General Chang Tsung-chang's flotilla squadron, are at present bombarding the Woosung forts, held by the Southerners, and the forts are replying.

Five Southern destroyers, upon hearing that this bombardment was likely, withdrew rapidly from the vicinity of the forts and proceeded up the Whangpoo River to safety. They are now opposite Lungshu, a little beyond Shanghai.—Reuter.

THREAT TO LOYANG.

Several Fights in Progress.

Peking, May 17. It is reliably reported that severe fighting is going on at Shanghai, where six brigades of troops of Wu Pei-fu and Tien Wei-tang are opposing the main forces of Tang Sen-eh, while two Mukden cavalry brigades are moving to attack Tang's rear.

The Chen Pao reports that the Kuomintang troops have reached the Lungshu railway, and are threatening Loyang. The Wu Pei-fu commander, Chang Chih-kung, is opposing them, and the Mukden commander, Wang Pu-lin, is hastening from Changchow to go to Chang Chih-kung's assistance.

General Yang Sen has reached Shasi.—Reuter.

Admiral Tyrwhitt at Hankow.

Hankow, May 17. Admiral Tyrwhitt has arrived here on board H. M. S. Hawkins.—Reuter.

NO OFFENSIVE YET.

Chinking Gunfire Continues.

Shanghai, May 17. There is an entire lack of incident at Shanghai, the place being normal.—Naval Wireless.

Chinking, May 17. Although the guns on either side of the river continue to exchange fire, there has been no development up to the present towards the big Southern offensive which was forecasted.

General Ho Ying-yin's troops are more orderly now, and in the city things are very quiet. There has been no firing on river craft for two or three days.—Naval Wireless.

BRITISH DEFENCE FORCE.

Reservists Not Being Recalled.

London, May 17. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) with regard to the strength of the Shanghai Defence Force, Captain King stated that it consisted of twelve infantry battalions and one Marine Battalion, with ancillary troops.

There were seven infantry battalions and ancillary forces in Hongkong, including four battalions just arriving. It was not proposed to bring home the class A reservists from Shanghai in the near future.—Reuter.

CANTON'S EXPEDITION.

Further Augmentation.

Canton, May 17. As General Chien Ta-chun is proceeding northward to direct the anti-Red expedition, his resignation from the office of Canton Garrison Commander has been accepted by the Government, and General Chang Kuo-yun will be nominated to succeed General Chien. General Chang is at present acting Chief of Staff to the Army Headquarters in Canton, and is a most trustworthy subordinate of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

All the Cadets of the Whampoa Academy who are remaining in Canton have been mobilised, and will be sent up to Shikwan to join the anti-Red expedition. These Cadets number about 3,000, and most of them have completed the six months' military and political course in the Whampoa Academy. They will be placed under the command of General Chien Ta-chun. The Cadets have been concentrated in the city and organised into two regiments. The first regiment will leave by the Yueh-han train to-morrow morning.

"Red" General's Troops.

Troops of the 3rd Army have issued a circular telegram announcing that they have severed relations with their Corps Commander, General Chu Pei-teh. General Chu is with the Hankow party, against whom Canton is sending an expeditionary army. General Chu's men in Canton declare that they are willing to join the expedition against their former chief.—Nam Ching Pao.

CHIANG FOR SHANGHAI.

To Conduct Urgent Affairs.

Shanghai, May 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is shortly coming to Shanghai to arrange certain important affairs here. The Generalissimo has ordered the railway administration to prepare a special train for him to travel to Shanghai.

A very interesting development is that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is inviting General Tang Chi-yao to Nanking to participate in Nationalist affairs. Many are surprised at this development, as General Tang, the Yunnanese tuchun, was known to be an old enemy of Canton. General Tang was recently overthrown by his military subordinates in Yunnan, and has since been rendered powerless. However, he still has a large military following in Yunnan.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is also requesting the representative from Shansi, General Chao Pi-lin, to come immediately to Nanking and take control of the Shansi military situation.

Fall of Chuanchao.

The Nationalist claim to the capture of Chuanchao by General Chen Tiu-yuan's troops has been confirmed, and as Chuanchao is not far from Chuchow, the Nationalists will be able to take that important city at any moment.

Chuchow, which is north of Pukow on the Tientsin railway line, is where the Shantung forces concentrated after their evacuation from Pukow.—Nam Ching Pao.

NERVOUSNESS AT SWATOW.

Some Uncertain Troops.

Swatow, May 17. The local military officials still appear to be particularly nervous about the possible turn of events (Continued on page 4.)

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD DISASTER.

ANOTHER U.S. TOWN FLOODED.

A HURRIED ESCAPE.

New Orleans, May 17. The Atchafalaya river has burst its levee and inundated the town of McVillie, driving out the panic-stricken inhabitants, many of whom were just awakened and were clad only in night clothes. It is believed there were no casualties.

Although notice to evacuate was posted on May 16, the inhabitants clung to their homes, hoping the levee would hold. A special train was waiting at the station to remove the refugees, but the break in the levee was so rapid that the train was marooned with refugees aboard.

Numbers of the inhabitants were rescued by means of boats, while hundreds traversed the roof of the railway bridge, which is the only link now connecting the town with the mainland.—Reuter's American Service.

SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG.

PROPOSAL TO DROP UNION JACK.

Cape Town, May 17. Failing an agreement between the conflicting parties, the Government has introduced a Flag Bill in the National Assembly laying

TSINGTAO TAXATION.

British Cigarette Co. Closes.

Tsingtao, May 18. The British Cigarette Company's factory has been closed owing to the excessive taxation imposed by the Provincial authorities, and the regulations rendering it impossible for the company to continue business.

The local illegal cigarette taxation has been increased to 30 per cent. as from May 10.—Reuter.

down that, subject to a popular referendum, the design of the national flag of South Africa will be a St. George's cross on a green field, while the Union Jack will be flown with the South African flag on certain specified occasions.

The British section of the population has strongly demanded the inclusion of the Union Jack in the flag itself. General Smuts is vigorously opposed to the Bill, declaring that neither the English nor the Dutch will submit to coercion, and the Bill will leave an aftermath of bitterness and suspicion which will poison public life for many years.—Reuter.

M. DOUMERGUE AT OXFORD.

DEGREE OF D.C.L. CONFERRED.

London, May 17. President Doumergue had a memorable welcome at Oxford, where he was made a Doctor of Civil Law, and an honorary degree in the same faculty was conferred on M. Briand, in the presence of a distinguished gathering.—Reuter.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

THE APRIL FIGURES.

London, May 17. The extent of Anglo-Russian trade was shown by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, who, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy in the House of Commons, stated that the imports for April were £1,400,000, while the British exports were £228,000, and the re-exports £1,200,000.—Reuter.

MOSCOW PROTESTS.

BITTER ATTACK ON BRITAIN.

DEMANDS FUTURE IMMUNITY.

Moscow, May 17. A Soviet Note has been despatched to London, endorsing the protest of M. Rosenzoltz, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, of May 13. The Note recalls that during the negotiations for the resumption of British and Soviet economic relations, the Soviet especially laid stress on the demand for immunity for its trade agencies abroad, and this principle was embodied in the fifth article of the Trade Agreement, which the British have now violated "in the most gross and most insulting manner."

The Note expresses the opinion that the raid on Arcos, Limited, which is an English trading company of high standing, and which has accurately fulfilled its obligations, is unprecedented, and could only have been actuated by the motive of causing detriment to Soviet interests connected with the Arcos company by compromising the latter and creating an atmosphere of hostility and want of confidence; while the irruption into the premises of the trade delegation, and the acts committed there, flagrantly violate the agreement of 1921.

Violence Alleged.

After arguing that M. Kinchuk's cypher correspondence was entitled to immunity, the Note complains that officials of the trade delegation cypher department were subjected to violence, and even beaten, when fulfilling their duty, while Kinchuk's wife, who has a diplomatic passport, was detained with violence and searched.

The raid was a most serious and hostile act, jeopardising further the preservation of the relations of the interested States. It can be proved that the trade delegation's activity gave no justification for the raid from the fact that no complaint was received from the British Government regarding this activity. The search was robbed of any formal significance owing to the refusal of the police to permit representatives of the delegation to attend.

The British Government are aware of the Soviet Government's Note referring to the police raid carried out in analogous circumstances in China. To provide the search with seven elementary legal guarantees was the more necessary in view of the ominous role once played in Soviet-British relations by a forged document.

Counter Accusations.

Against the oft-repeated accusations against the Soviet of violation of the rules of international relations, the Soviet Government has unquestionable proof of the British Government's violation of the Soviet-British agreement of 1921, and the most offensive handling of the persons enjoying diplomatic immunity, while the requirements of international law were totally ignored.

The British Government, the Note asserts, is apparently striving to bring Anglo-Soviet tension to a culminating point. The unprecedented and untrained campaign of hate which has culminated in the raid, compels the Soviet earnestly and frankly to ask the British Government whether it desires the preservation and development of Anglo-Soviet trade relations, or whether it intends in future to hamper them.

Demands.

The Soviet Government categorically declares that the conduct of trade relations is only possible on the strict observance by the British Government of the Trade Agreement, and on the guaranteeing to the economic organs of the Soviet the possibility of quiet, normal work. The Soviet feels it right to demand a clear and unequivocal reply, from which it may draw due conclusions. It reserves the right to demand satisfaction for the British Government's violations of treaty obligations, for the insults suffered, and for the material losses caused by the action of the police.—Reuter.

OFFER OF A BRIBE TO POLICE.

WOMAN SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS CASE.

Before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, a Chinese woman named Chan Kam was charged with offering a bribe. The charge was that on April 18th, at Yaumati, she offered a bribe of \$20 to Sub-Inspector Chevalier. She denied the charges.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, in outlining the circumstances for the Crown, said that on the evening in question Sub-Inspector Chevalier visited the house where the prisoner lived, 128, Reclamation Street, at about 10.20 p.m. The prisoner was keeping a house of doubtful repute, and Sub-Inspector Chevalier took her to the police station.

On the way there, as they were passing the Tai Yat Theatre she pushed two crumpled notes into Sub-Inspector Chevalier's left hand and at the same time said something in Chinese. There was also present a Chinese constable, who saw and heard what took place.

When charged at the police station the prisoner in making a statement denied that she gave

GOVERNOR'S RUSE.

Trick Captures Rebel Leader.

Manila, May 18.

Governor General Wood, who stopped at Iloilo to direct the anti-revolt measures, yesterday persuaded Flor Intrincherado, the self-styled "Emperor" of Iloilo, and leader of the Negroes rebellion, to board Governor Wood's yacht, which then sailed from Iloilo with Intrincherado a prisoner.

The Governor General will transfer the rebel chief to another vessel coming to Manila.—Reuter.

the money. When she appeared before the Police Magistrate she did not make any statement at all. The prisoner was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

BAN ON EX-KAISER.

MEASURE PASSED BY REICHSTAG.

Berlin, May 17.

The Reichstag has passed the third reading of the Bill for the protection of the Republic, and preventing the return to Germany of the ex-Kaiser for at least another two years, by 323 to 41. The German National leader, Count Westarp, supporting the Bill, declared that it still remained to be decided whether the article relating to the ex-Kaiser was to be incorporated into the new Civil Code.—Reuter.

LABOUR RETURNS.

TO FIGHT TRADES UNIONS BILL.

London, May 17.

A Labour Party meeting held to consider its attitude towards the Trades Unions Bill, following yesterday's walk out of the House of Commons, has decided, despite the limitations under which the Government's guillotine motion has placed them, that they will continue the battle against the Bill in the House, hence the Labourites turned up at the resumption of the committee stage.—Reuter.

MARINE ENQUIRY.

DISASTRO TO RIVER STEAMER.

MOONSHINE'S CASE STATED.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office this morning to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of s.s. Leung Kwong on May 9, in Capsulmun Pass.

The officers of the Court were: Lieut. Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Harbour Master (President), Commr. C. A. Merriam, R.N., Captain T. B. Nelson, master of the s.s. Protoslaus, Captain G. A. C. Moss, master of the s.s. Antung, and Captain R. N. Stevens, master of the s.s. Kwangtung.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Bennett of Johnson Stokes and Master, was for the owners of the Moonshine; Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. Hugh Jones of Wilkinson and Crist, for the owners of the s.s. Leung Kwong; and Mr. G. K. Hall Bratten held a watching brief for the China Coast Officers' Guild.

Mr. Jenkin, addressing the Court, stated that his case was mainly concerned with the facts of the collision, while that of Mr. Sheldon would deal in the main with loss of life. He therefore asked the indulgence of the Court, to take his evidence first.

The President pointed out that the terms of the enquiry were with regard to the collision only, and that grilles would not enter into the consideration of the Court.

Mr. Sheldon enquired as to "loss of life," and there was a comparison of Court orders, which was adjusted to Mr. Sheldon's satisfaction.

Facts of the Case.

Mr. Jenkin then opened the case and stated that the Moonshine left Lin Tin for Hongkong at 5.30 p.m., reaching Capsulmun at about 7.30 p.m., when it was dark, with calm weather. She sighted the Leung Kwong in the Pass, and, without signal, that ship altered course to port, crossing the Moonshine's bows. The Moonshine went astern, but a collision resulted, the Leung Kwong being hit on the starboard bow.

The Moonshine was slightly damaged on the port bow, and considering that the Leung Kwong was a wooden ship and the Moonshine steel built, the resultant damage was considerably greater to the Leung Kwong, which was heavily laden.

The Moonshine later picked up passengers on the starboard quarter.

Facts relative to the conditions of tides and changes in Capsulmun were then adduced by Mr. Jenkin. The tide was straight through in the course of the ships; the Leung Kwong was hit on the starboard side, the position of the sunken ships was well over to the westward of the channel. These three facts, he said, proved conclusively that the Leung Kwong was solely responsible.

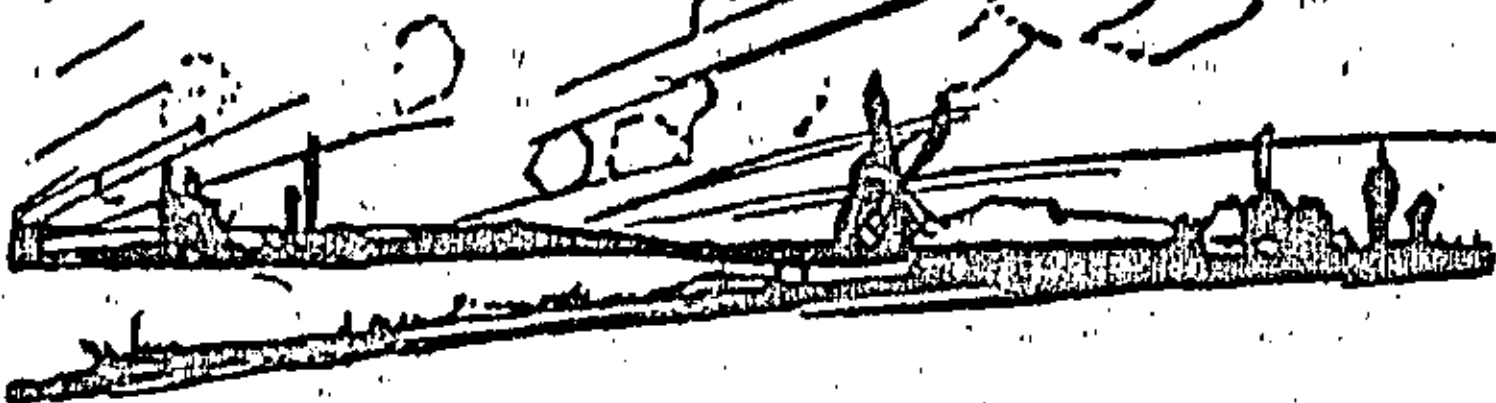
Coxswain's Evidence.

Li Hung, the coxswain of the Moonshine, was then called. He stated that he was 25 years of age, had held a coxswain's certificate for four years, and had taken the Moonshine through Capsulmun Pass about 40 times. On the night of the collision he was on a trip from Lin Tin to Hongkong and reached Capsulmun about 7.30 p.m., running with the tide at about 9 knots. The night was dark but clear.

The Moonshine was coming down the starboard side of the Channel when a ship was sighted ahead in the middle of the Channel. Both side lights were visible. On near approach, about 300 yards, witness sounded one long blast, warning the approaching vessel to hold on to witness's port side. Closing, witness was able to see only the port light of the approaching vessel.

The vessels continued on their respective courses until, when about 250 feet apart, the approaching ship, which eventually proved to be the Leung Kwong, sheered over to port, at the same time sounding two blasts. Witness had meanwhile stopped his engine, and, on hearing the sound signal, put them astern. In spite of these precautions, the Moonshine struck the Leung Kwong (Continued on page 12.)

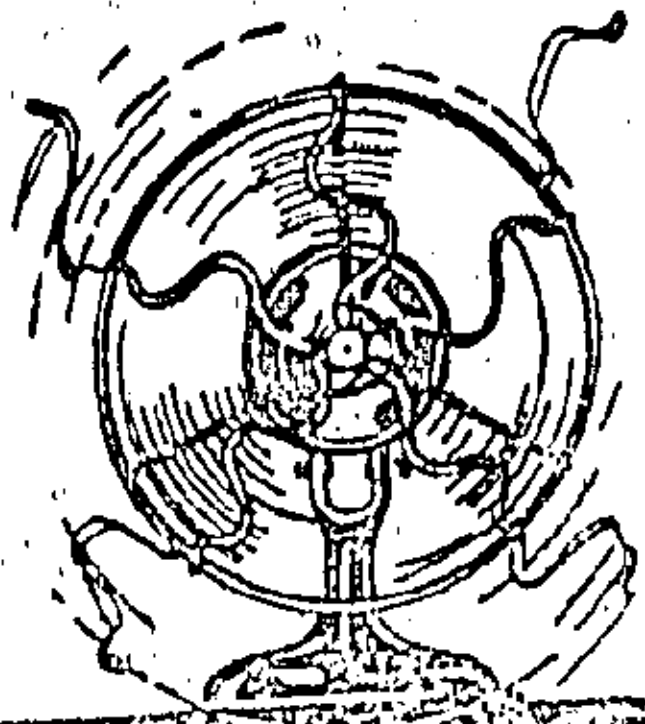
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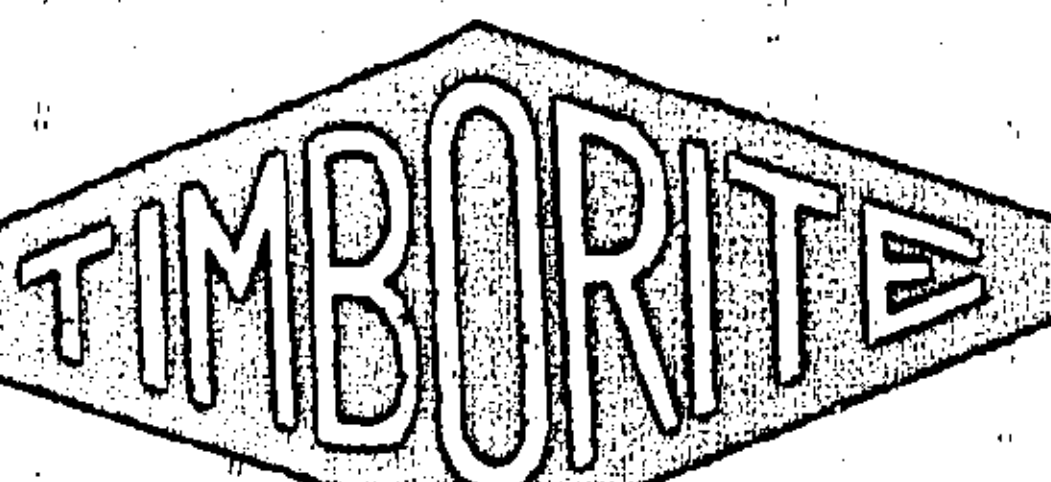
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A GOOD STORY FROM HANKOW.

Shanghai, May 12. The story of an entertaining incident in Hankow reaches me. It concerns the Hankow Government and anti-foreignism. Some days ago two British Consular officers left H.M.S. Bee to visit the office of Mr. Eugene Chen. The foreign Minister was not at home and so they saw his secretary, a Mr. Woo. In the course of the conversation Mr. Woo assured the Consular officers that there was now no anti-foreignism in Hankow and if there was it would easily be suppressed.

As the officers were returning to H.M.S. Bee they were set upon by a party of Nationalist soldiers with fixed bayonets. They demanded the nationality of the officers and when they replied "British" the soldiers became threatening and said they would kill them.

The two officers thereupon returned to the Foreign office and asked Mr. Woo to come with them and see a real instance of anti-foreignism. He went confidently. But the same soldiers reappeared and repeated their threats. Mr. Woo ordered them away in no uncertain tones. The reply of the soldiers, accompanied by profuse profanity, was that they would kill him as well and he had to beat a retreat!

Exterminating Reds.

The Nationalist authorities in Shanghai are taking no risk with the Communists and are still exterminating them. Yesterday two editors of Chinese newspapers were seized and taken to Lung-wha because of the Communist tone of their papers. Later in the day they were executed, being beheaded.

British Policy.

All foreigners in Shanghai have been left gasping by the speech of Sir Austen Chamberlain and are wondering if it wasn't Mr. Ramsay MacDonald speaking in his stead. Altogether it sounds too much like "Kick us again dear friends, we like it" to make foreigners comfortable about future residence in China. The logical continuation of this outpouring is the immediate recall of the British troops in China and the extra war vessels which have come out since the trouble broke out in January. If that happens we shall have to just sit tight until the next "incident" and then see what is to be done. It would have been better too if Sir Austen had kept to facts and not let his imagination run riot. The suggestion that the troops concerned at Nanking have been sufficiently punished by having their arms taken away is an absurdity. The General responsible, General Cheng Chien, successfully got away from Nanking together with many of the troops who carried out the outrages. He is now with his troops in Hankow.

Sir Miles' Visit.

H.M.S. Foxglove has left here for Taku Bar where she has gone to fetch the British Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, who proposes to come to Shanghai to personally talk over the situation with the local British authorities.

REBEL RISING.

FIVE HUNDRED ARRESTED IN NEGROS.

Manila, May 17. Five hundred have been arrested in the Negroes rebellion. Governor General Wood stopped at Iloilo. Flor Inrecherado, the self-styled "Emperor" of Iloilo, refused to see Governor General Wood, and the latter ordered his immediate arrest and transfer to Manila.—*Reuter.*

CHINA SITUATION.

SIR MILES LAMPSON.

Tientsin, May 17. Sir Miles Lampson proceeded to Shanghai on board H. M. S. Foxglove this morning.—*Reuter.*

British Disapproval.

Peking, May 17. It is understood that Mr. Basil Newton, who replaced Mr. Eric Teichman as H. M. Minister's representative at Hankow, has been recalled. This is interpreted as a gesture of British disapproval of the Hankow regime.—*Reuter.*

More U. S. Marines.

Manila, May 17. The Chaumont is proceeding to Shanghai to-day with five hundred Marines, planes and tanks.—*Reuter.*

Thirty Million Dollars Wanted.

The much advertised disinfection of the "Nationalist" party under Chiang Kai-shek's auspices has not gone deep enough so far to convince the Chinese taxpayer that the millennium is upon us, says the N. C. D. News. When Shanghai, with all normal avenues of trade closed, is assessed a total contribution of \$30,000,000 to Kuomintang war funds and the levy is being systematically imposed from factory to factory and shop to shop, it is unlikely that the native community can enthuse over the blessings of the new era. Further than this there seems to be much scepticism about the genuineness of the "Nationalist" break with Red Russia. A gentleman who knows the Bolshevik organization thoroughly, went to Nanking a few days ago to call at Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters and as he was entering the building, he was amazed to see a whole bevy of the most notorious Red Russian agents in China issue from the generalissimo's reception room. The feeling is very general indeed that Chiang Kai-shek's overadvertised war upon Communism is no more than a repetition of the gesture that he made several years ago when he deported a number of Russian agents from Canton, by way of letting Moscow know that he had terms to impose, and then entered into a closer agreement than ever with the folk upon whom he was supposed to have declared war.

Money for Chiang Kai-shek.

Manila, May 17. Local Chinese have raised sixty thousand Pesos for Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter.*

AVIATION.

CREW NAMED FOR NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT.

New York, May 17. Bert Acosta, who with Clarence Chamberlain holds the world's endurance flight record has been selected to pilot Commander Byrd's Fokker monoplane on the New York-Paris flight, also on Byrd's proposed flight to the North Pole. The crew of the Fokker (pilot), Byrd (navigator) George Neville (engineer).

The French Consul General has declined the usual ten dollar fee for the crew's passports.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TUNNEY'S OPPONENT.

DEMPSEY TO MEET SHARKEY-MALONEY WINNER.

New York, May 17. The fight promoter, Tex Rickard, has announced that Dempsey has refused the proposal to fight Paulino on or about July 1 but has agreed to meet the winner of next Thursday's heavy weight battle between Sharkey and Maloney early in August, to determine Tunney's opponent in the world's title bout in September.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMAN CHARGED.

ALLEGED FRAUD AT SHANGHAI.

The case in which Holger Harrendorf, a German merchant, who was brought back to Shanghai from Japan last year to face charges of defrauding different banks of approximately Tls. 900,000, began before Judge Hsu Mo and Dr. Ramondino, the Senior Consul's Deputy, at the Special Provisional Court Shanghai, last week.

There was an array of counsel in the case, these being Mr. J. E. Badesley, for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Mr. E. H. Platt, for the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China; Mr. C. S. Franklin, who watched the case on behalf of Mr. J. P. Fonseca, accused's export manager; Dr. F. Wilhelm, appearing for accused's employees; and Messrs. W. S. Fleming and N. F. Allman, for the defence.

The whole afternoon was occupied by Mr. Badesley with the opening statement for the prosecution. Lengthy correspondence was gone through and the hearing was adjourned.

FRENCH TRADE.

FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS.

Paris, May 17. During the first four months of 1927, French imports totalled 17,570,900,000 francs and 17,540,800 tons, against 19,767,722,000 francs and 15,088,015 tons for the corresponding period of 1926. The Exports amounted to 18,254,242,000 francs and 11,787,473 tons against 17,605,262,000 francs 10,555,217 tons.—*Havas.*

SYNDICALISM.

PREACHERS TO BE PUNISHED IN U. S.

Washington, May 17. The Supreme Court has upheld the right of states to punish preachers of syndicalism. The Court decided that the syndicalism laws of California and Kansas are valid, and that the constitutional guarantee of free speech does not permit the open advocacy of syndicalist doctrines.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

ABED WITH A SLIGHT COLD.

Washington, May 17. President Coolidge is in bed with slight cold at the White House. His physician states that his pulse and temperature are normal.—*Naval Wireless.*

A REMBRANDT.

DETROIT MUSEUM PAYS HIGH PRICE.

New York, May 17. Rembrandt's "Visitation of Saint Elizabeth" has been bought by the Detroit Museum of Arts for \$8150,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

CUBAN ASSISTANCE.

Washington, May 17. Cuba, through its Ambassador, has contributed \$350,000 to the relief of the Mississippi sufferers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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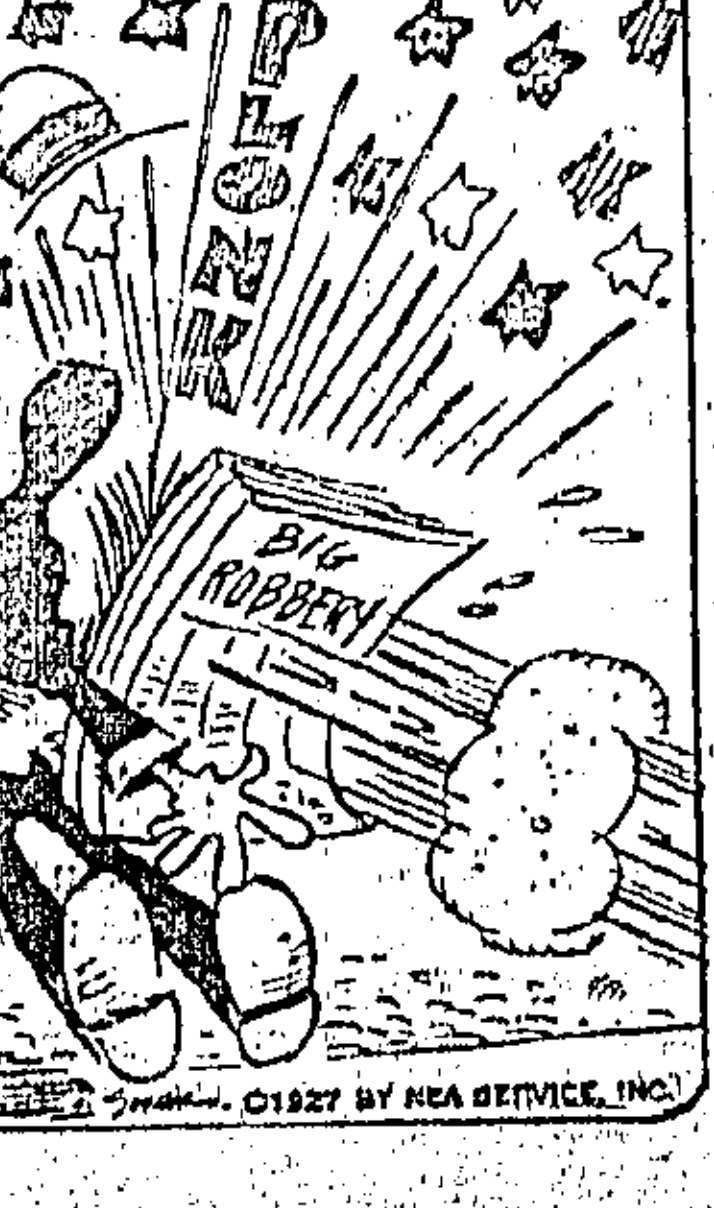
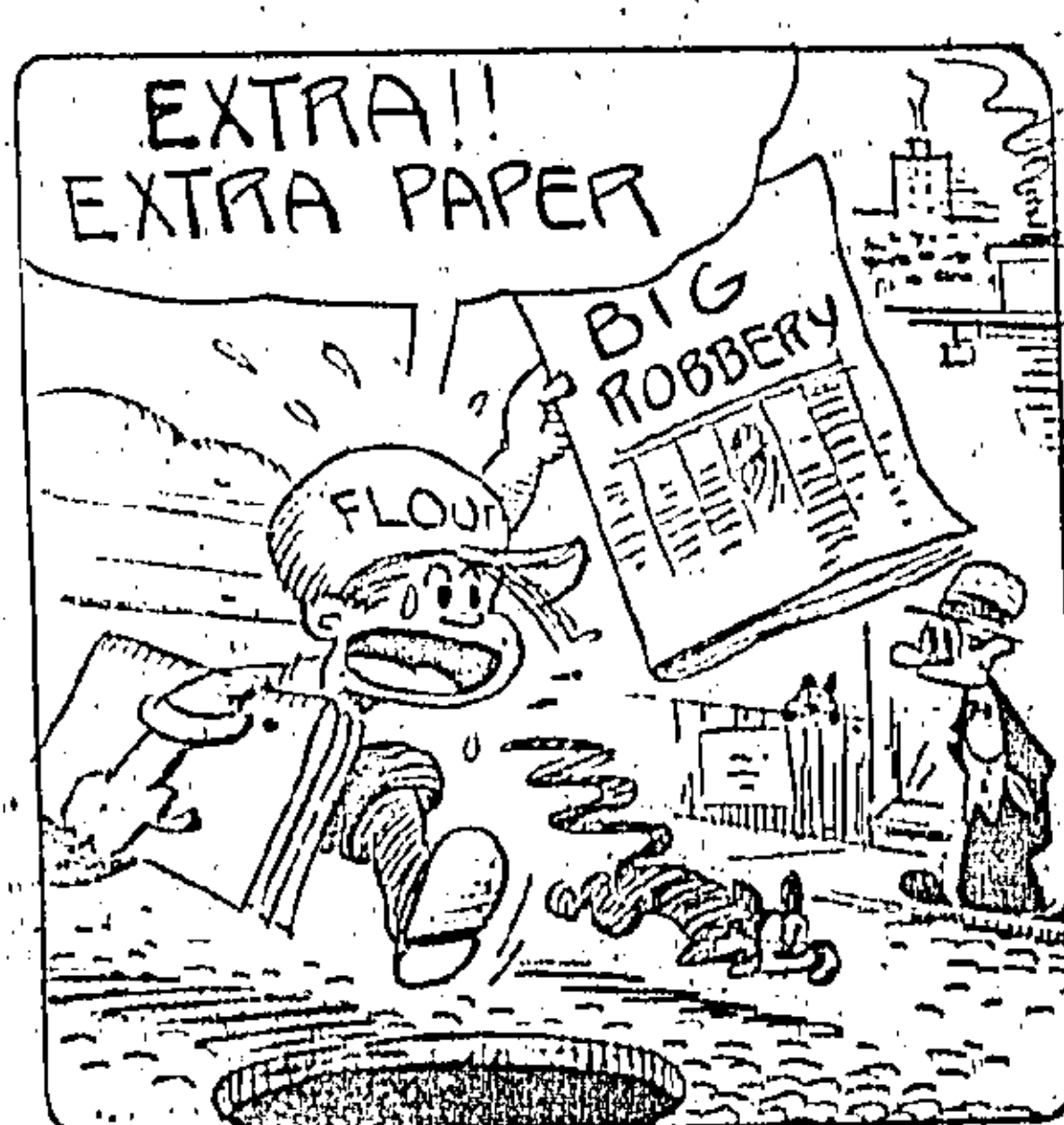
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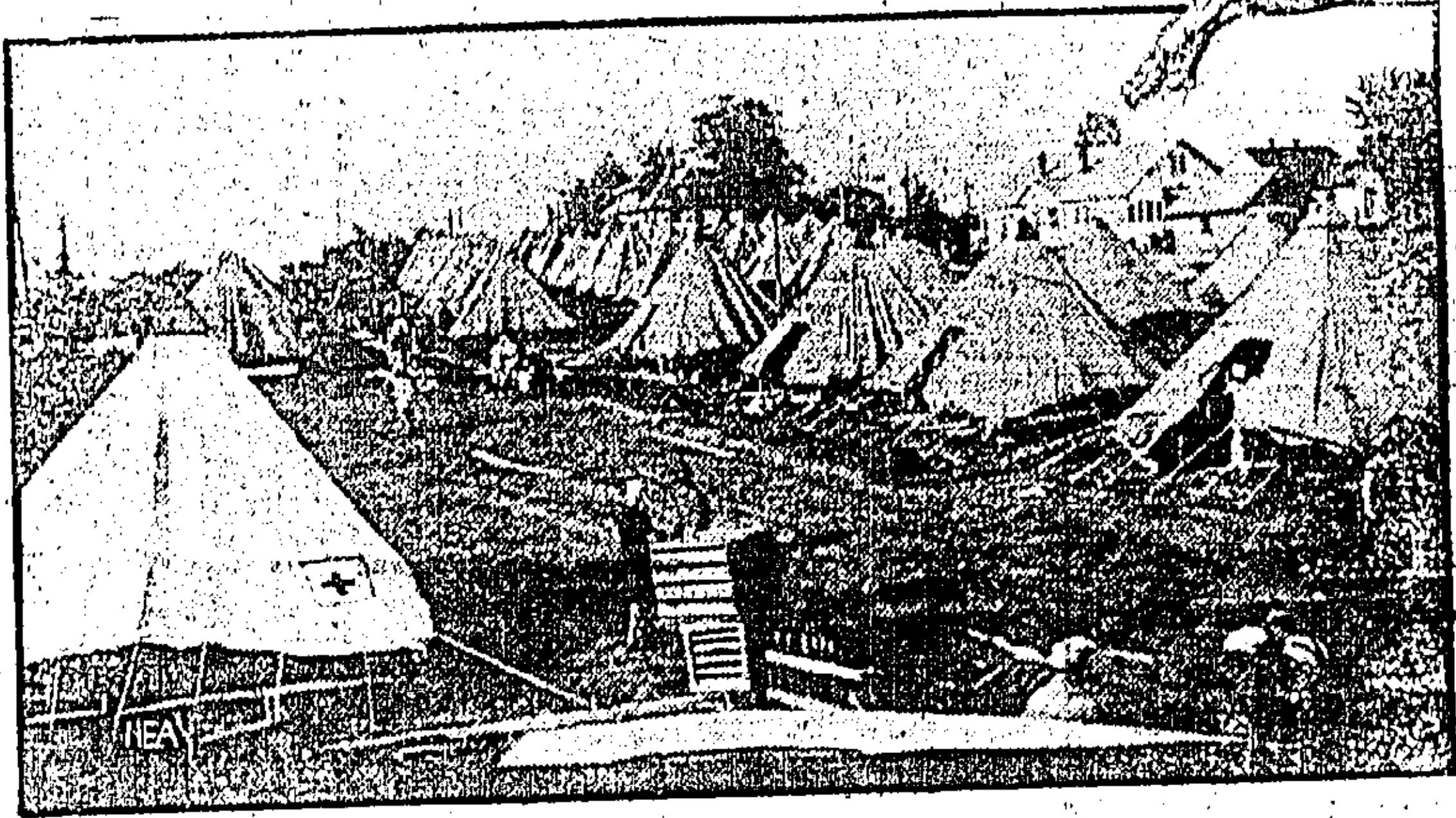
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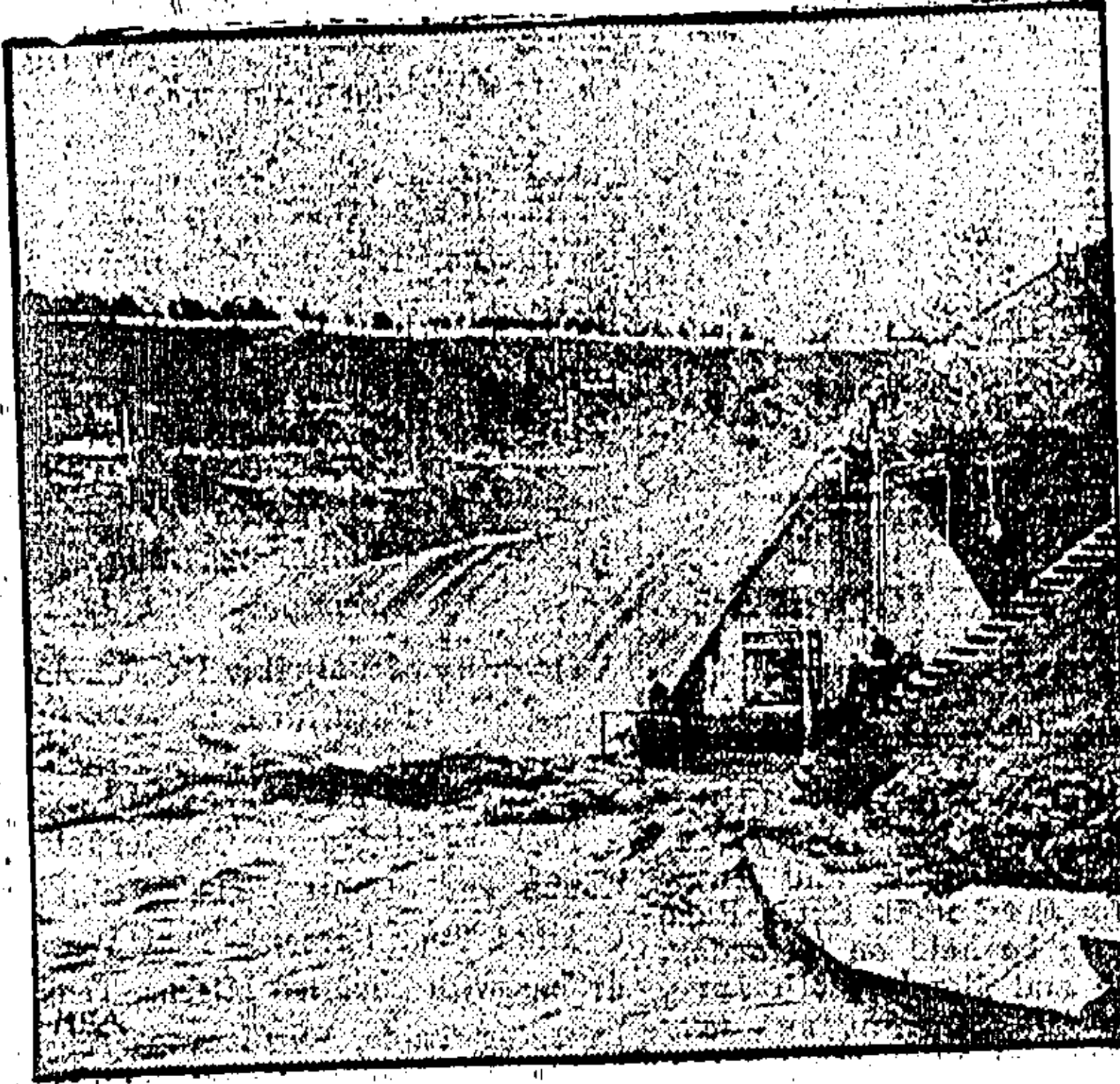
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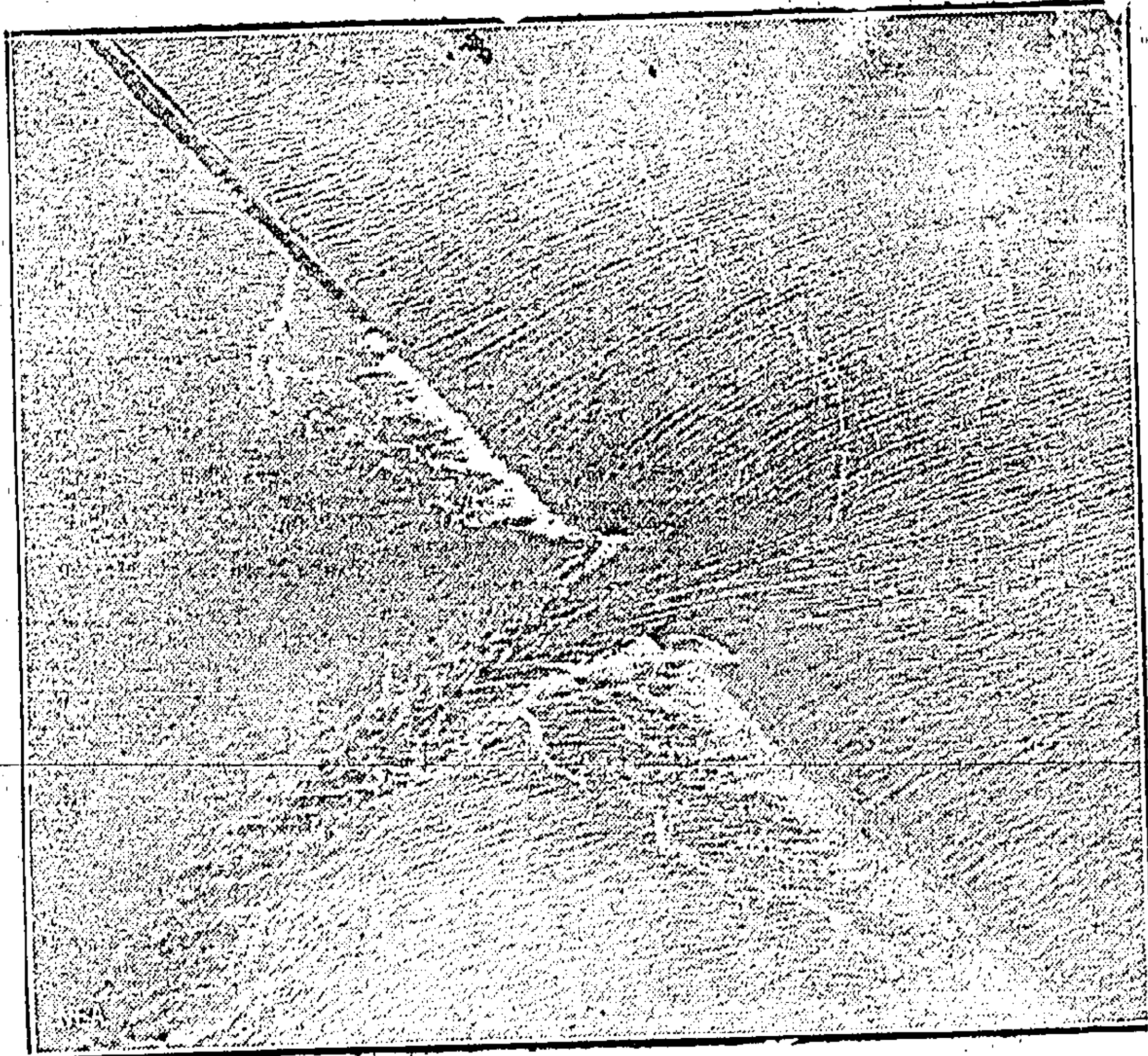
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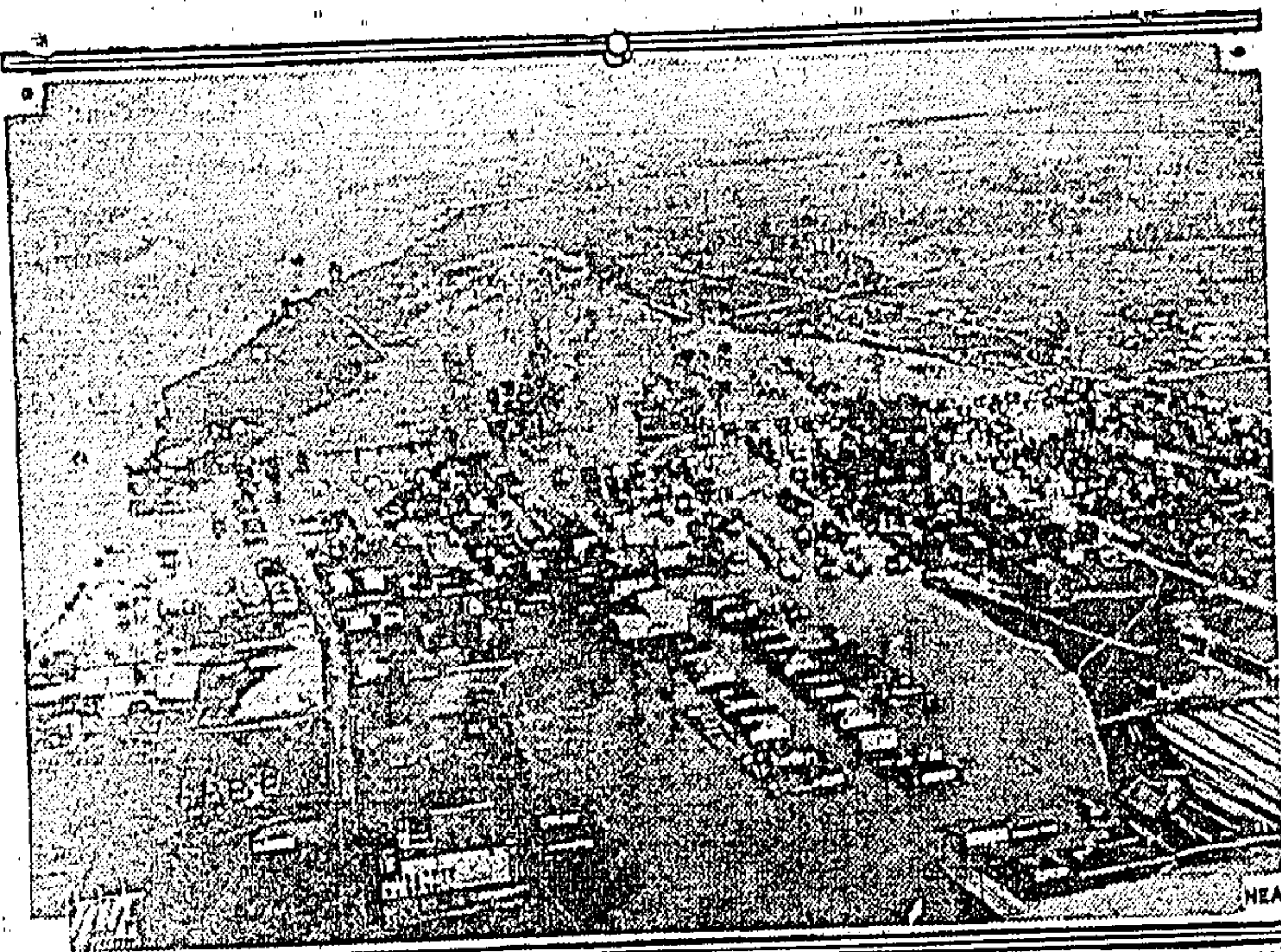
Within a few days after the Mississippi flood reached its height, the Red Cross established 32 refugee camps. Many of them, such as the one near Hickman, Kentucky, shown above, are tent colonies. Many thousands of homeless people are being accommodated, and \$5,000,000 (gold) is being raised for their assistance.



This picture shows the \$4,000,000 power dam at Powersite, Missouri, on Lake Taneycoma, with 20 feet of flood waters rushing over it. The towns of Branson, Hollister and Forsyth would have been washed off the map had the dam failed to hold.



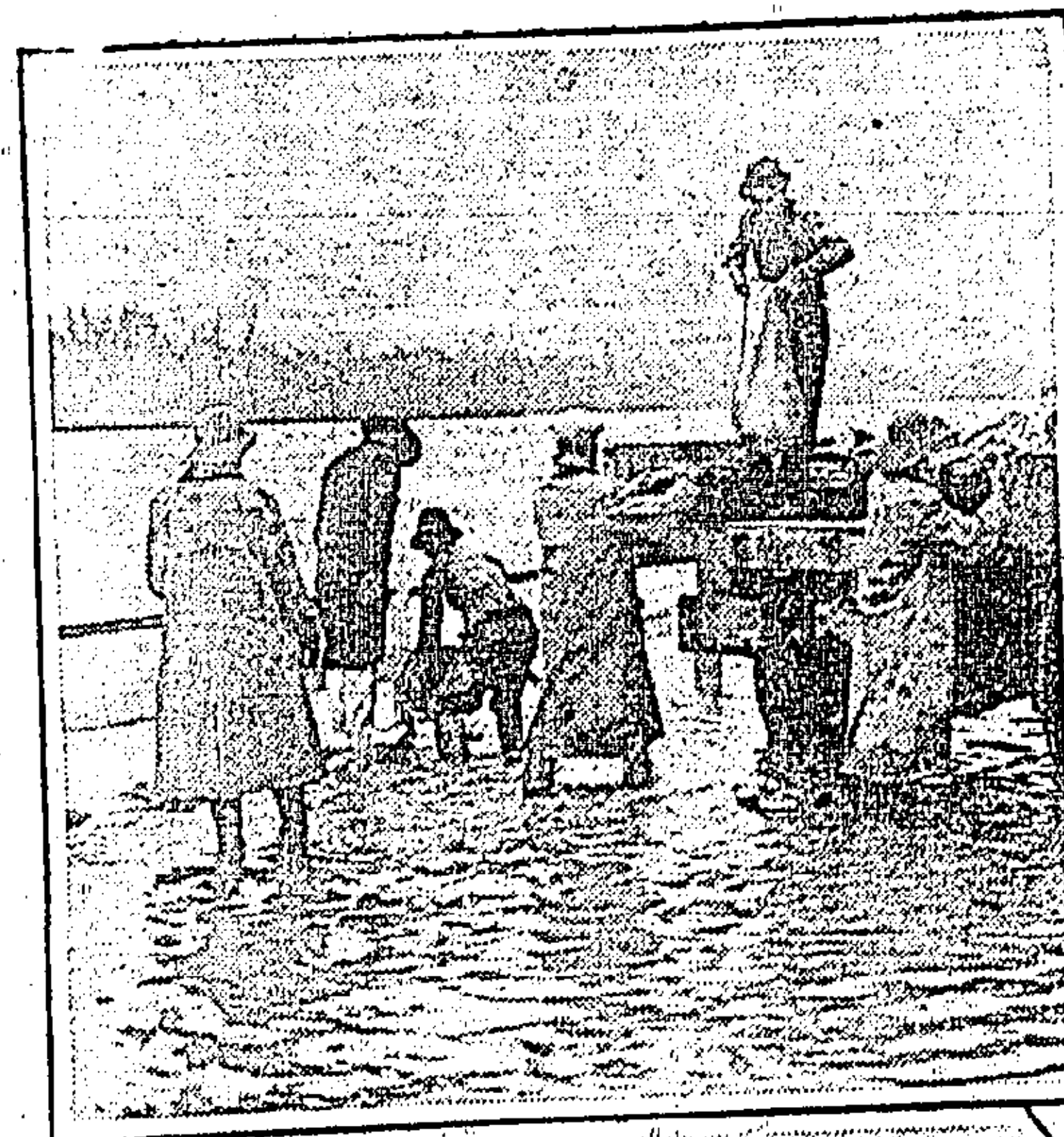
This remarkable view from an aeroplane shows the main levee of the Mississippi river, near New Madrid, Missouri, actually breaking away under the force of flood waters.



The remarkable aeroplane picture above shows Little Rock, Arkansas, where 1,000 men have been conscripted for levee duty by the mayor, following refusal of 600 workmen to carry on an apparently futile fight against flood waters. In the city, which is virtually isolated from the rest of the state, 150 homes and store buildings in the eastern section, pictured here, are under water, several hundred are homeless and 75 square blocks are flooded. Below, to the left, is shown what happens to motor cars left too near Bear creek at Pawnee, Oklahoma. To the right is a refugee camp near Cairo, Illinois, one of the many camps along the Mississippi where thousands of homeless are being cared for.



This picture, taken from an aeroplane, shows men desperately working to patch a break in the main levee of the Mississippi at New Madrid, Missouri. The sand-loaded boat is being used as a breakwater, while bags of sand are being placed where the breach has occurred.



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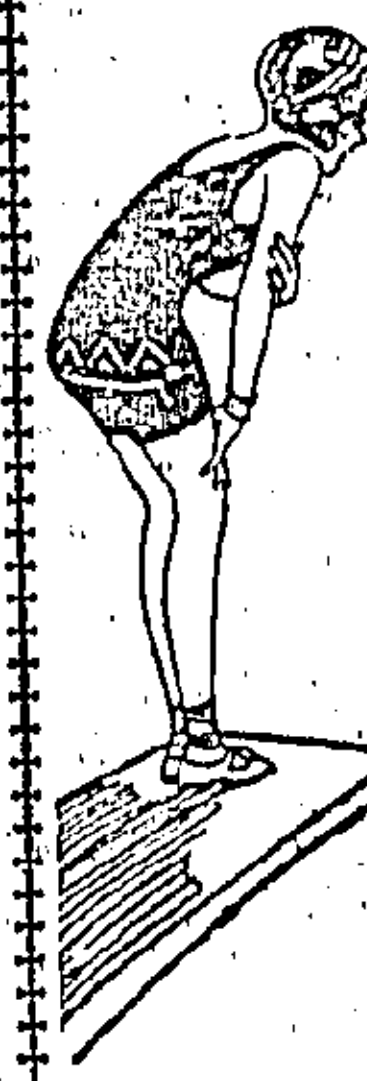
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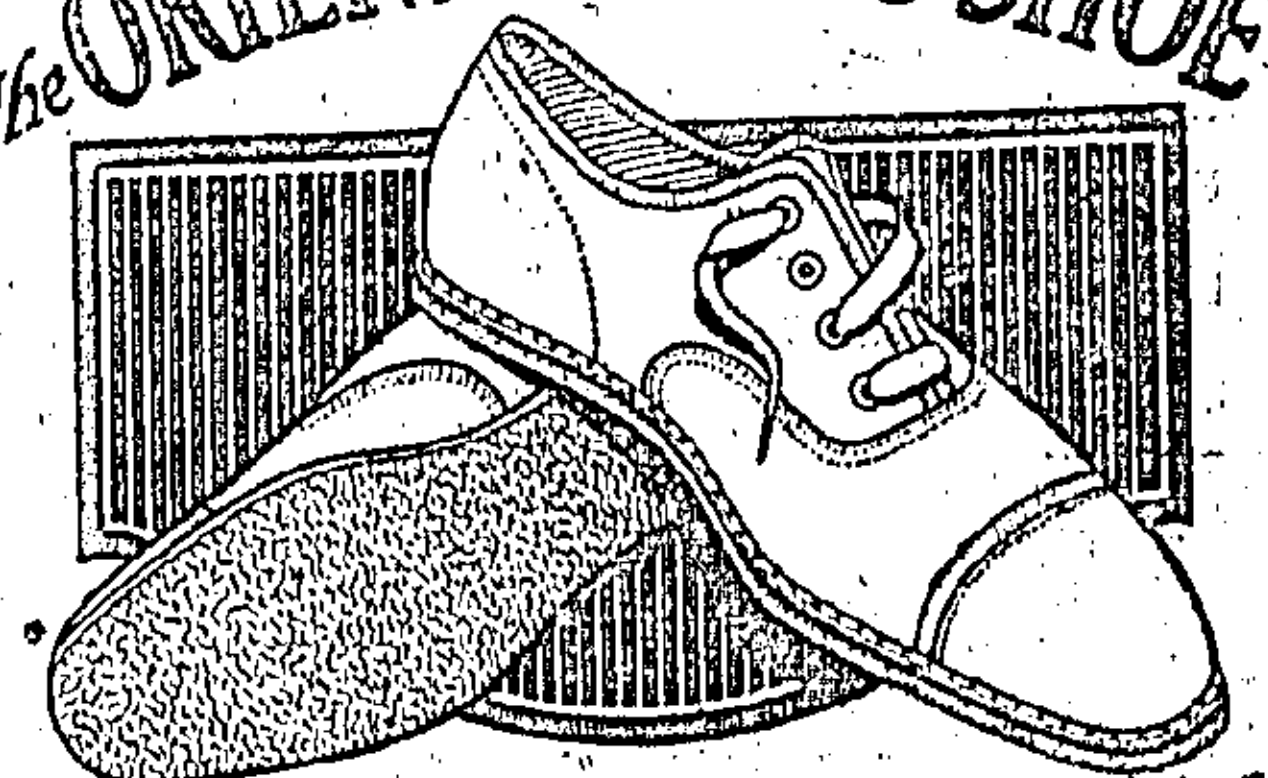
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JARDINE, MATHESON AND CO., LTD. General Agents, Hongkong, 16th May, 1927.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY will be closed from Friday, 27th May, 1927, to Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, both days inclusive.

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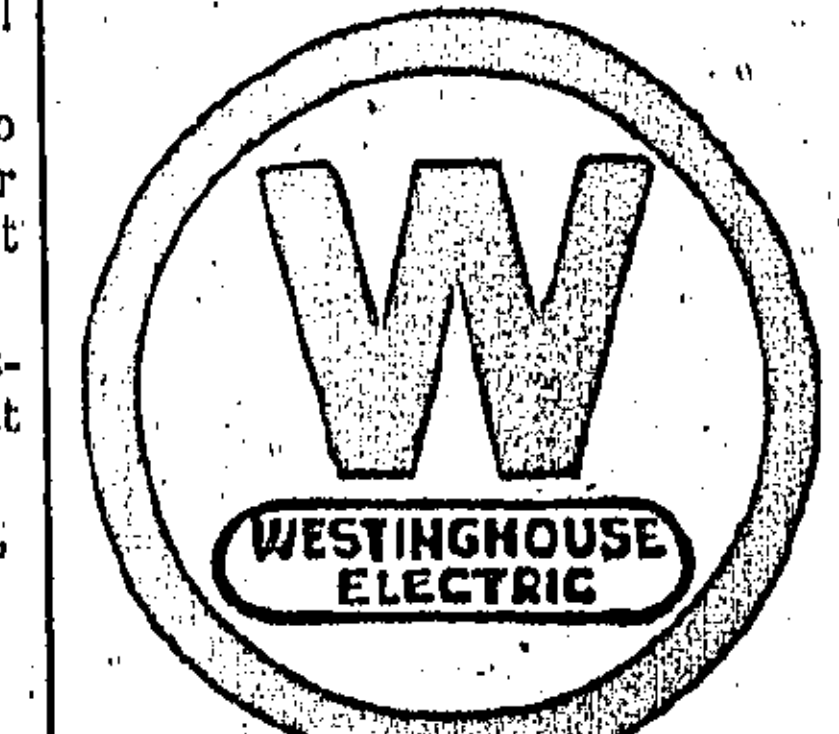
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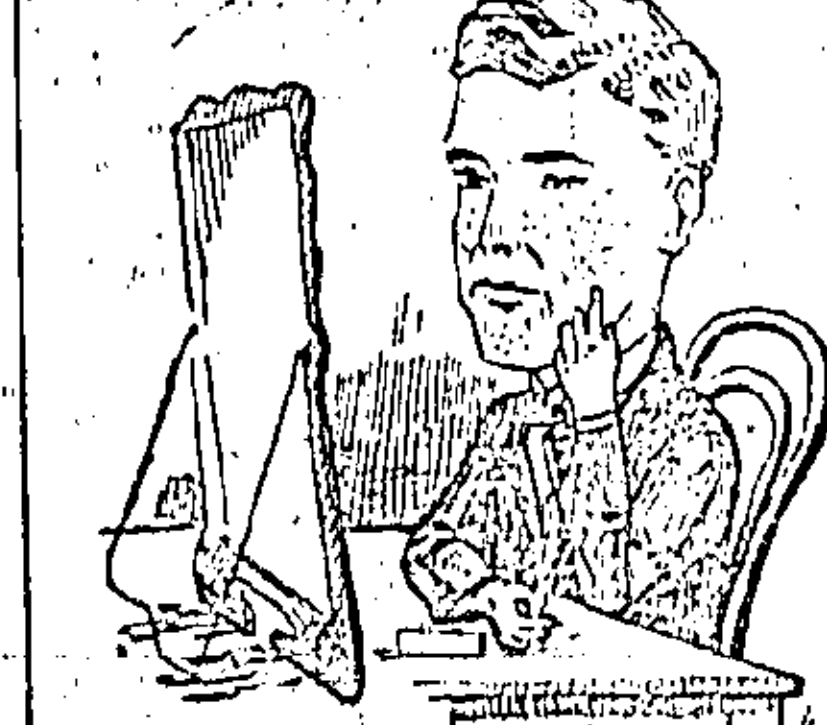
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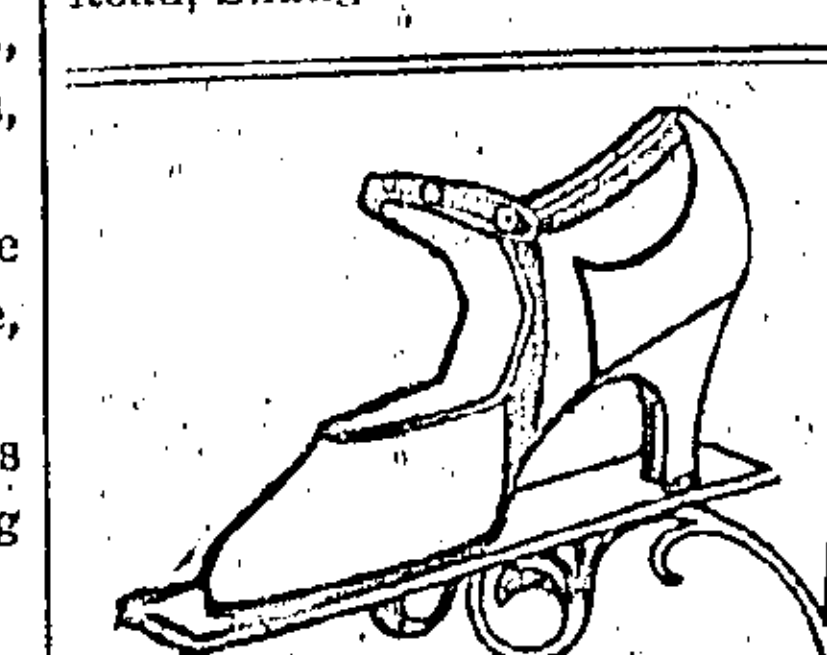
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Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

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Parcel Post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

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Amoy	Santhia	May 19.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hessen	May 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	May 20.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	May 20.
Shanghai	Luchow	May 20.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers London 21st April)	Kumsang	May 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	May 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	May 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Harrison	May 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	May 23.
Shanghai	Mishima Maru	May 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 24.
Shanghai	Morea	May 27.
Straits	Hakozaki Maru	May 29.
Manila	Empress of Canada	May 30.

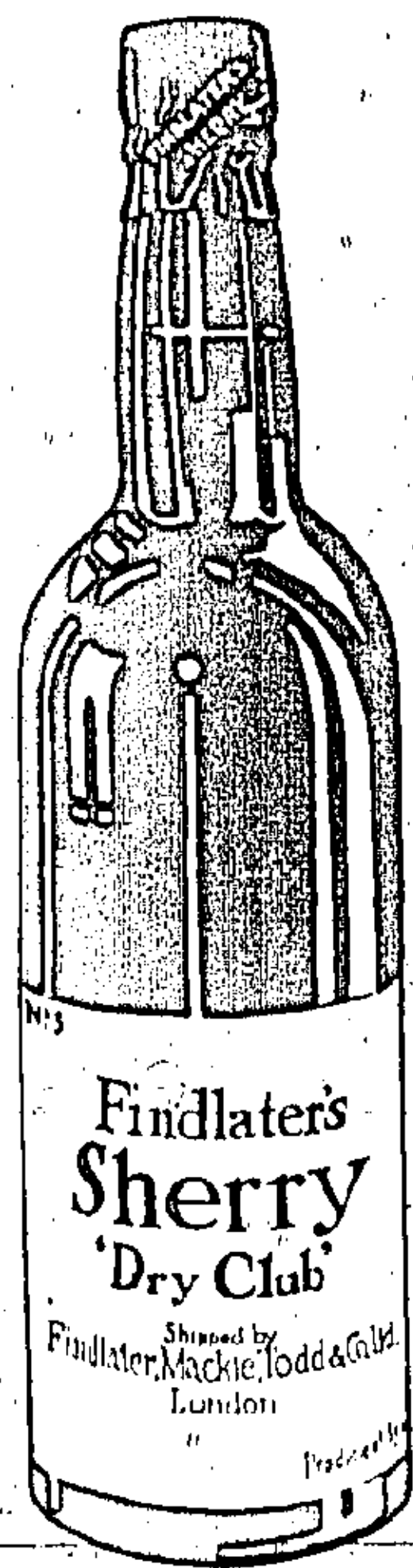
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For	Per	Date
Haiphong	Tonkin	Wed., May 18, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Thurs., May 19, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tean	Thurs., May 19, 8.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikembang	Thurs., May 19, 11.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Chaksang	Thurs., May 19, 11.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Thurs., May 19, 11.30 a.m.
	Letters	Thurs., May 19, 1 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Kiangchow	Thurs., May 19, 2.30 p.m.
Port Bayard	Hydrangea	Thurs., May 19, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Thurs., May 19, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., May 20, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sechuen	Fri., May 20, 6 p.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Fri., May 20, 9.30 a.m.
U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via	Parcels	20th 5 p.m.
Victoria, B.C.	Protesilaus	Sat., May 21, 8.45 a.m.
	Registration	Sat., May 21, 10.30 a.m.
	Letters	Sat., May 21, 10.30 a.m.
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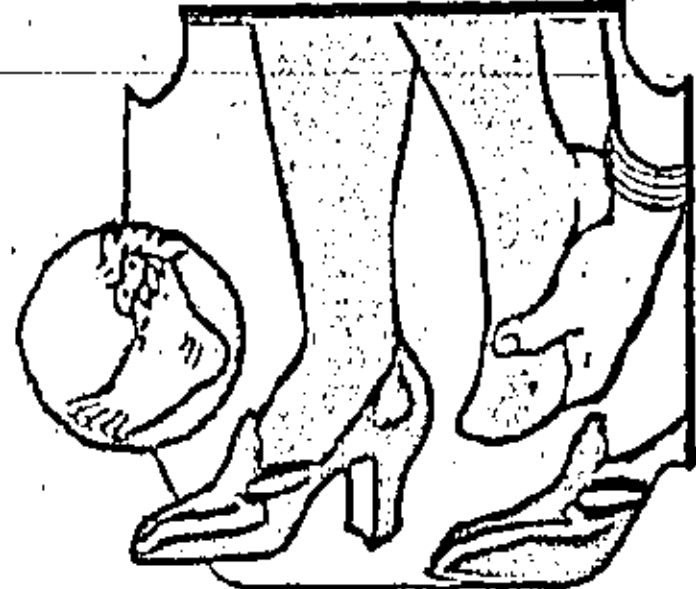
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INTERVIEW WITH CHIANG.

Shanghai, May 13.
In order to inspect the scene of the recent incidents in the City of Nanking, six local Japanese journalists, including a representative of the Toho News Agency, visited the city, leaving the North Station at 9 a.m. on the 10th instant and arriving there at 3 a.m. on the following day.

Upon arrival in the city, the party immediately called on General Chiang Kai-shek, the Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Army. General Chiang is at present not attending his headquarters, but is doing business at the offices of the Political Committee of the Nanking Government, which are now established in the official residence of Mr. Ting, the Salt Traffic Commissioner.

The Leader's Regrets.
The Southern leader, in the course of the interview with the Japanese visitors, remarked in the main as follows:—

"It is a matter for great regret that there occurred an incident at Kiangyin on the 7th instant in that the Japanese man-of-war on which Rear-Admiral Oyama, an aide-de-camp to the Emperor of Japan, was travelling, was fired upon. I have already given instructions to our subordinates to make inquiry into the affair, but I have not yet received any official report about the incident. Though the real state of affairs is not known at present, I intend to take proper steps as soon as the matter has been cleared up."

Then turning to the question of the Wuhan Government, the General declared that he did not find it necessary to resort to force in dealing with that Government. "As to the campaign against the north," he continued, "the Southern forces are now making every preparation so that they may shortly launch a general attack upon the Northern troops. He concluded by saying that the number of the Northerners now stationed in Pukow was very small and therefore they were beneath notice."

After the interview, Major Chiu, one of General Chiang's adjutants, conducted the visitors to various places in Nanking and Hsiakuan. The party first visited the Japanese Consulate, where they found that the buildings had been left as they were at the time of the looting. All foreign houses, with the exception of damaged ones, are not occupied by troops, but are sealed up. It seemed to the visitors that the Chinese authorities were awaiting investigation of those houses by foreign Powers concerned.

Damage to Consulates.
The Japanese Consulate had suffered the heaviest damage, literally no articles were left behind in the building. It had been occupied by a company of artillerymen. In the American and British Consulate buildings, broken articles of furniture were strewn about in rooms, these presenting a very pitiful sight. The visitors saw that a number of troops belonging to General Chen Tiao-yuan had gathered in the foreground of the British Consulate. No troops, however, were stationed in the American Consulate. A worn-out pointer dog, which apparently had lost his master and which the party met on a street, moved them to pity.

The city within the wall is very quiet. Resorts such as the Chin-huai and Heishan Parks were thronged with people, and no wartime mood existed within the walled city. In Hsiakuan, however, all houses were closed and no persons were to be seen in the streets. The party also noticed many bullet and shell marks on walls of buildings in various places in Hsiakuan. Firing was heard intermittently all day long, and extreme uneasiness prevailed in Hsiakuan.

The strength of the Southern troops now stationed in Nanking is some 30,000.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

FATE OF WELSH RUGBY IN
THE BALANCE.

The future of Welsh amateur Rugby football is obscure. Rugby League agents have been so persistent in their efforts in the Principality and have spread the news of their resources so effectively that the amateur game has been assailed on all sides.

The latest development comes from an unexpected quarter. Ground landlords, reasonable in the past and willing to grant credit for long periods, are issuing ultimatums to clubs and demanding rent payments forthwith.

They know that if the amateur clubs cannot pay there are competitors in the field in the shape of professional clubs who will take over the fields with the prompt payments.

Problematical.

How professional clubs can hope to pay their way, despite additional expenditure, when amateur clubs are beset with financial worries it is difficult to see; but that is their attitude, and ground landlords are trading upon it.

At Blaenavon, where Rugby has been played almost continuously for 50 years, the club is threatened with extinction because the recreation ground committee demand payment of £130 due for rent.

The position there is not singular; it is typical of scores of other places in South Wales. "Sight is lost of the fact that the season just concluded was abnormal."

The full effects of the long coalfields stoppage was felt. At Blaenavon half the population has been unemployed for two years, at some periods the proportion has been still greater.

It is not lack of interest that has led to smaller "gates," it is the inability of the workers to find the money for football when all they have had to exist upon in thousands of cases is parish relief. Blaenavon Club, in order not to deprive the workers of their football entertainment, reduced admission prices to one-third; and many other clubs have done the same. Now they are badly in debt.

Grounds Scarce.

Grounds are scarce in South Wales, and any ground on which a Rugby League game is played cannot be used for the amateur game again. Thus the position is serious.

If the Welsh Union waive this rule the Scottish Rugby Union (who are watching the situation very closely) and the English and Irish Unions may step in and refuse to have anything more to do with the Principality.

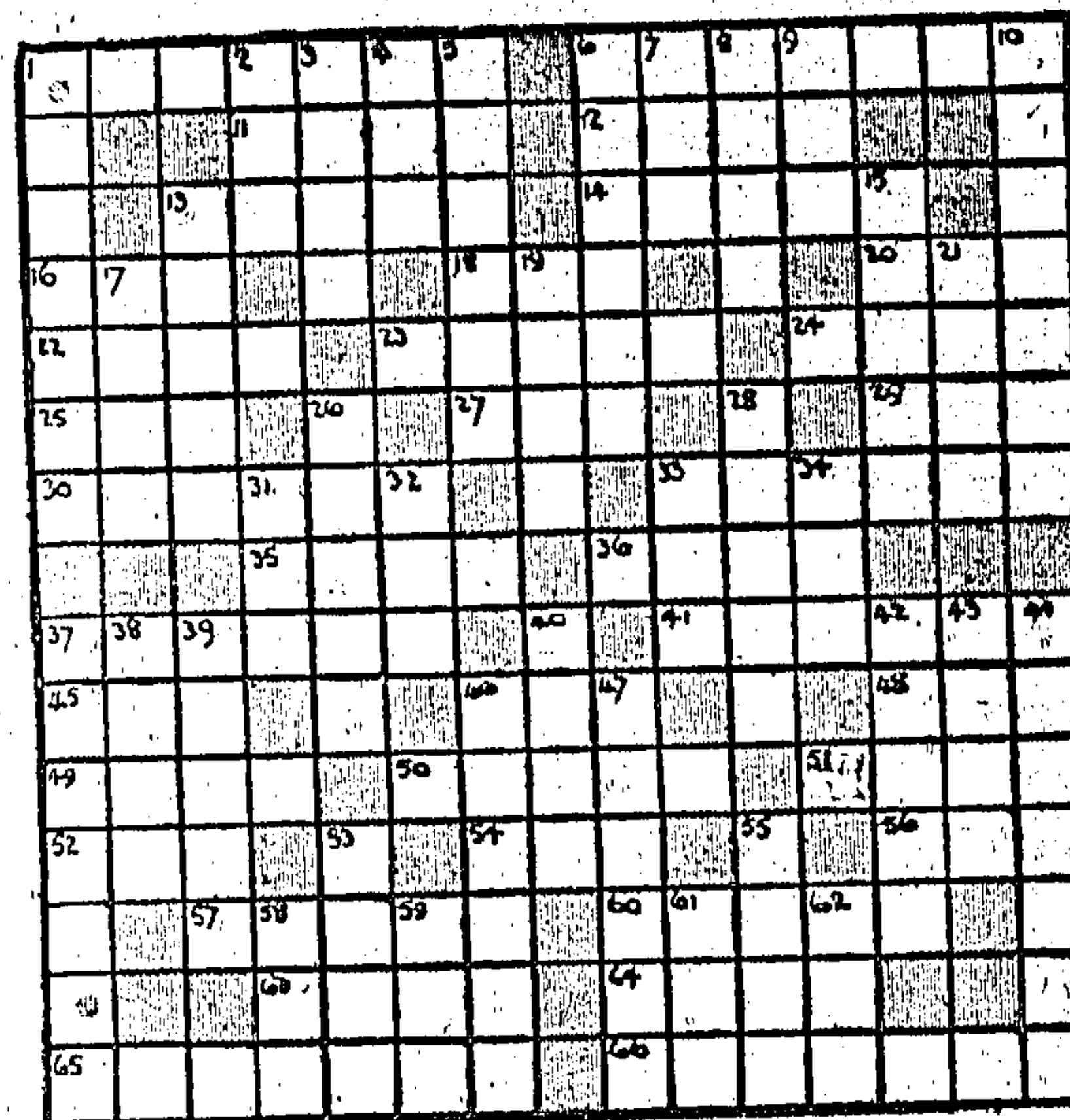
The Welsh Union are fighting a stiff battle. They may not be such purists as, for instance, the Scottish Union, but they are thoroughly, strictly, honourably amateur, and it is to them that the clubs look for guidance and help.

If Wales is to be preserved for amateur Rugby there is only one course open to the Welsh Union—they should immediately call all their clubs together, ascertain the financial position of each, and in every deserving case find the money necessary to satisfy ground landlords.

"Perhaps it would be creating a precedent. What matter so long as it ensures the continuity of clubs and the preservation of the game? With conditions improving, things should be healthier in the future, and such a position as now exists may never again arise."

The future of amateur Rugby in Wales is in the balance. The Welsh Union are the only body who can determine which way the balance shall fall. Even if the assistance means deferring improvement to the international grounds at Cardiff and Swansea, the sacrifice will be worth while. How will the Welsh Union act?—Daily Mail.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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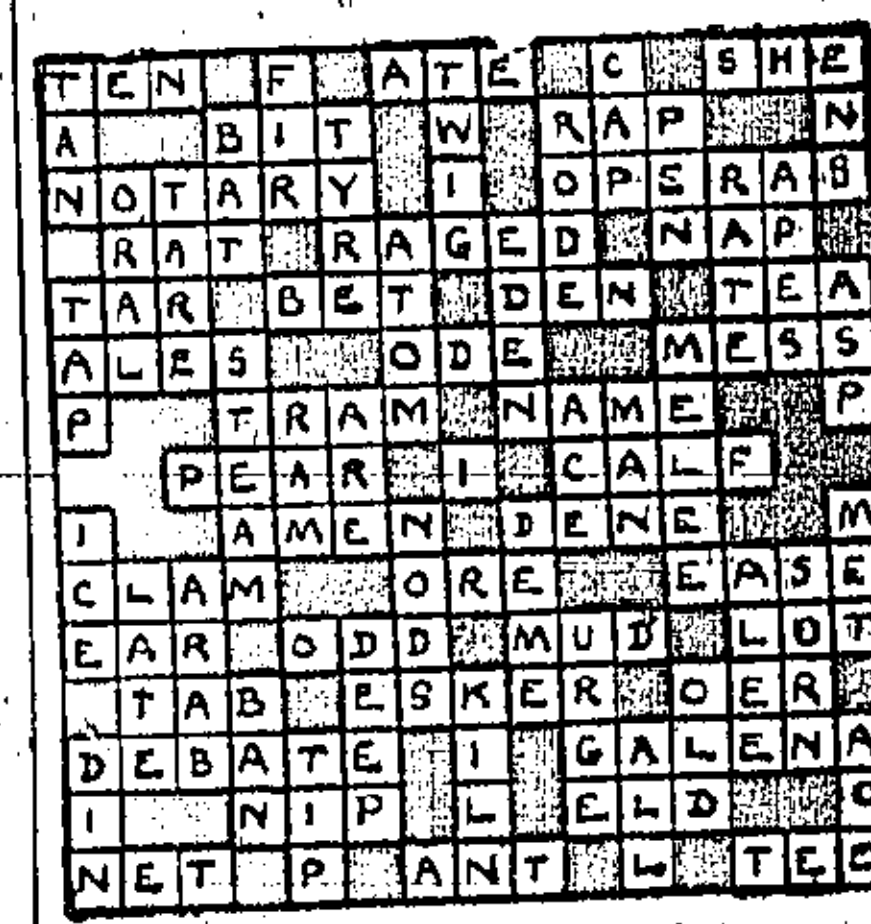
1. Companion.
2. Faced.
3. Commodities.
4. Lacerated.
5. Pertaining to Rome.
6. Tapestry.
7. Ocean.
8. Bird.
9. Subjoin.
10. Water jug.
11. Refute.
12. Large draught.
13. Point of the compass.
14. Expire.
15. Before.
16. Horses.
17. Staffed.
18. Space.
19. American-Spaniard.
20. Weapons.
21. Delight.
22. Over (contr.).
23. Speck.
24. A thing.
25. Space at base of bird's bill.
26. Medley of fruit.
27. Acorns.
28. Anger.
29. Through.
30. Employ.
31. Decline.
32. One of the senses.
33. Girl's name.
34. Assert.
35. Not so old.
36. Remainder.

Down.

1. Follows.
2. Double.
3. Nominations.
4. Period.
5. Loaded.
6. Monument.
7. Devonshire hill.
8. Mistakes.
9. Vegetable.

10. Removed sand from river bed.
11. Wife of a rajah.
12. Cut with a saw.
13. Formerly.
14. Grallatorial bird.
15. Dreadful.
16. Worship.
17. Ravaged.
18. Epoch.
19. Distress signal.
20. State of equality.
21. Domestic animal.
22. Companionship.
23. Noble.
24. Made a mistake.
25. Cavity.
26. Disagree.
27. Drags.
28. Constituent substance.
29. Nut.
30. Crust from wine.
31. Lengthy.
32. Employ.
33. Moved quickly.
34. Single.
35. Hall.
36. Three (prefix).

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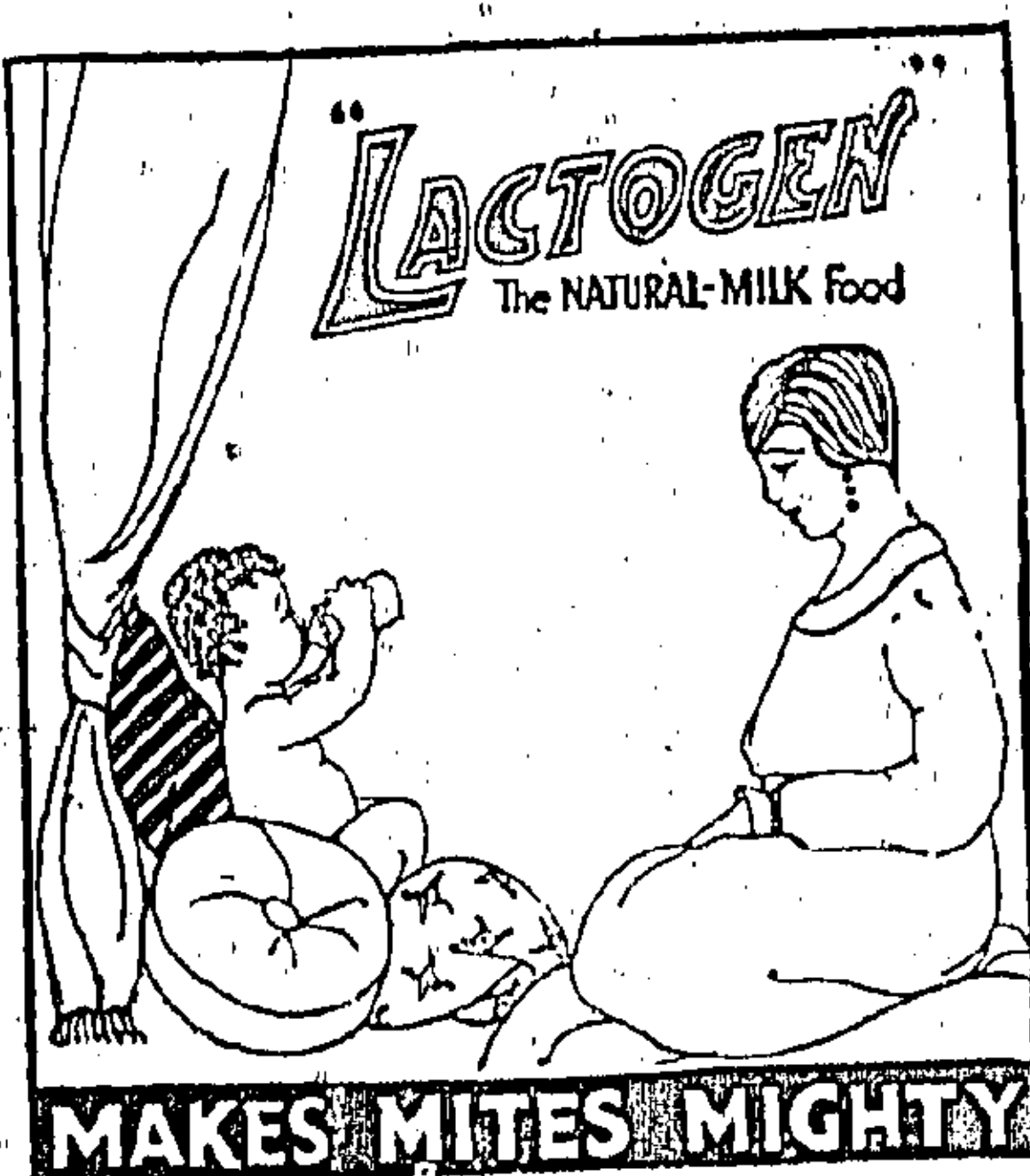
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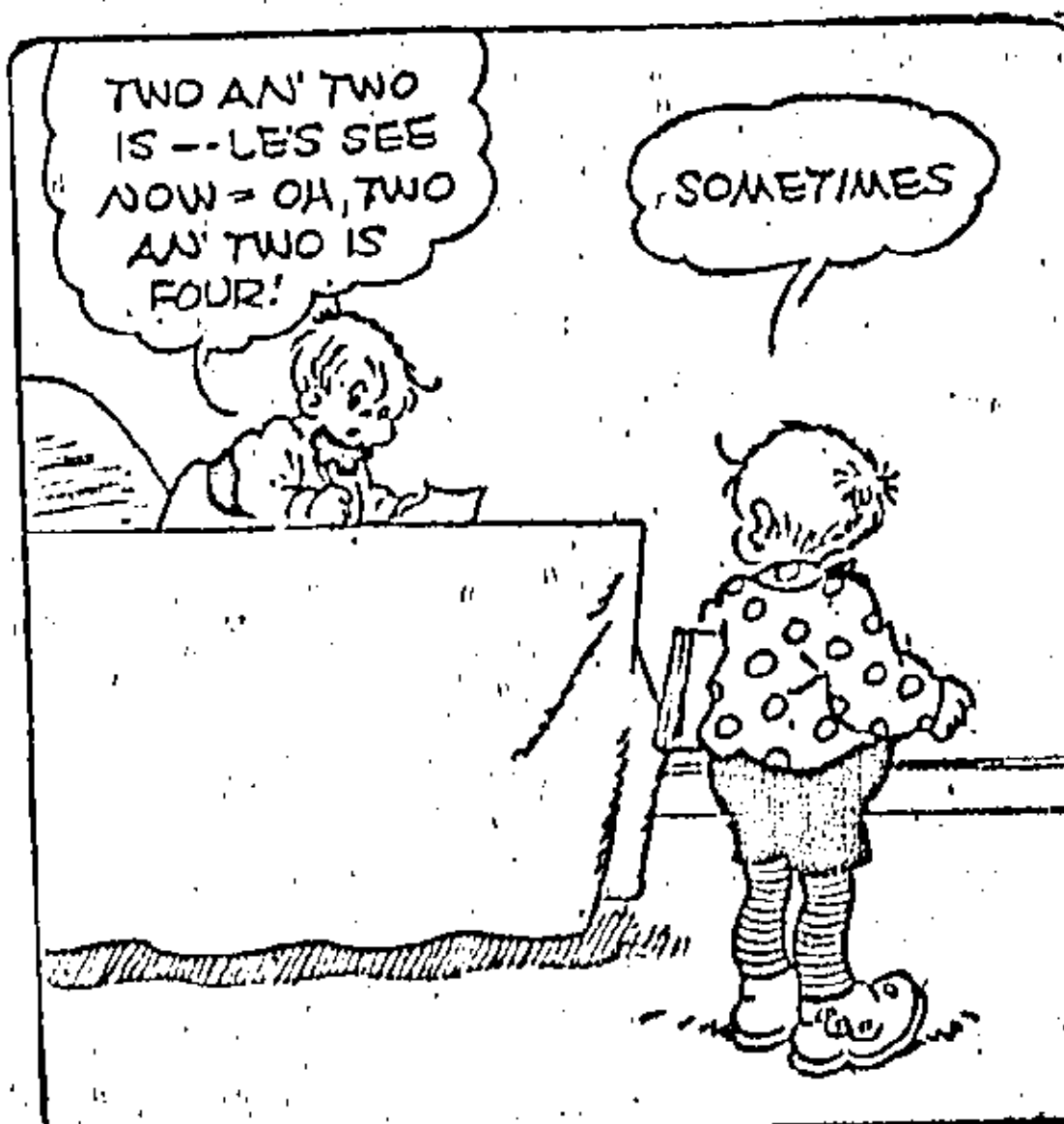
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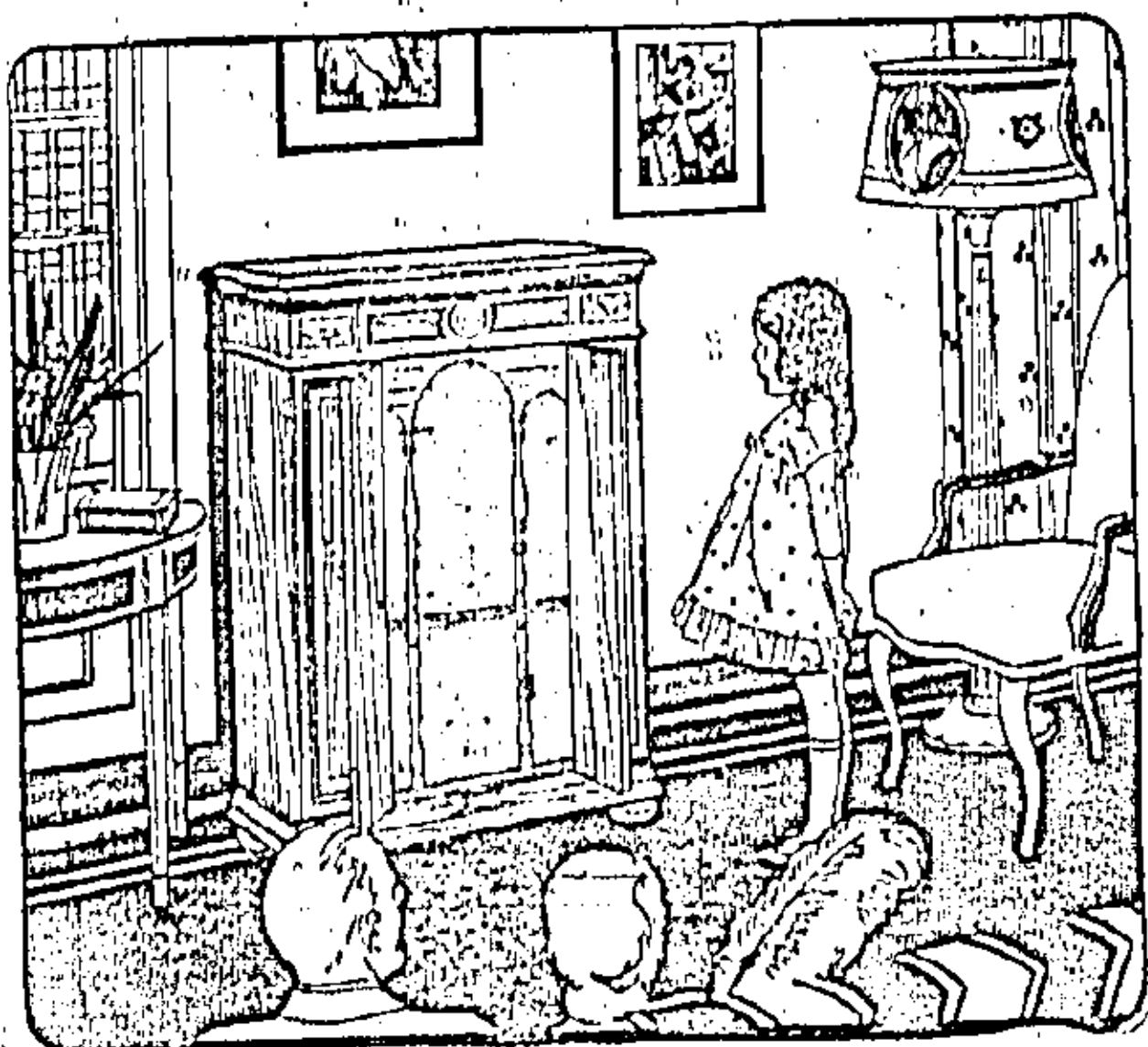
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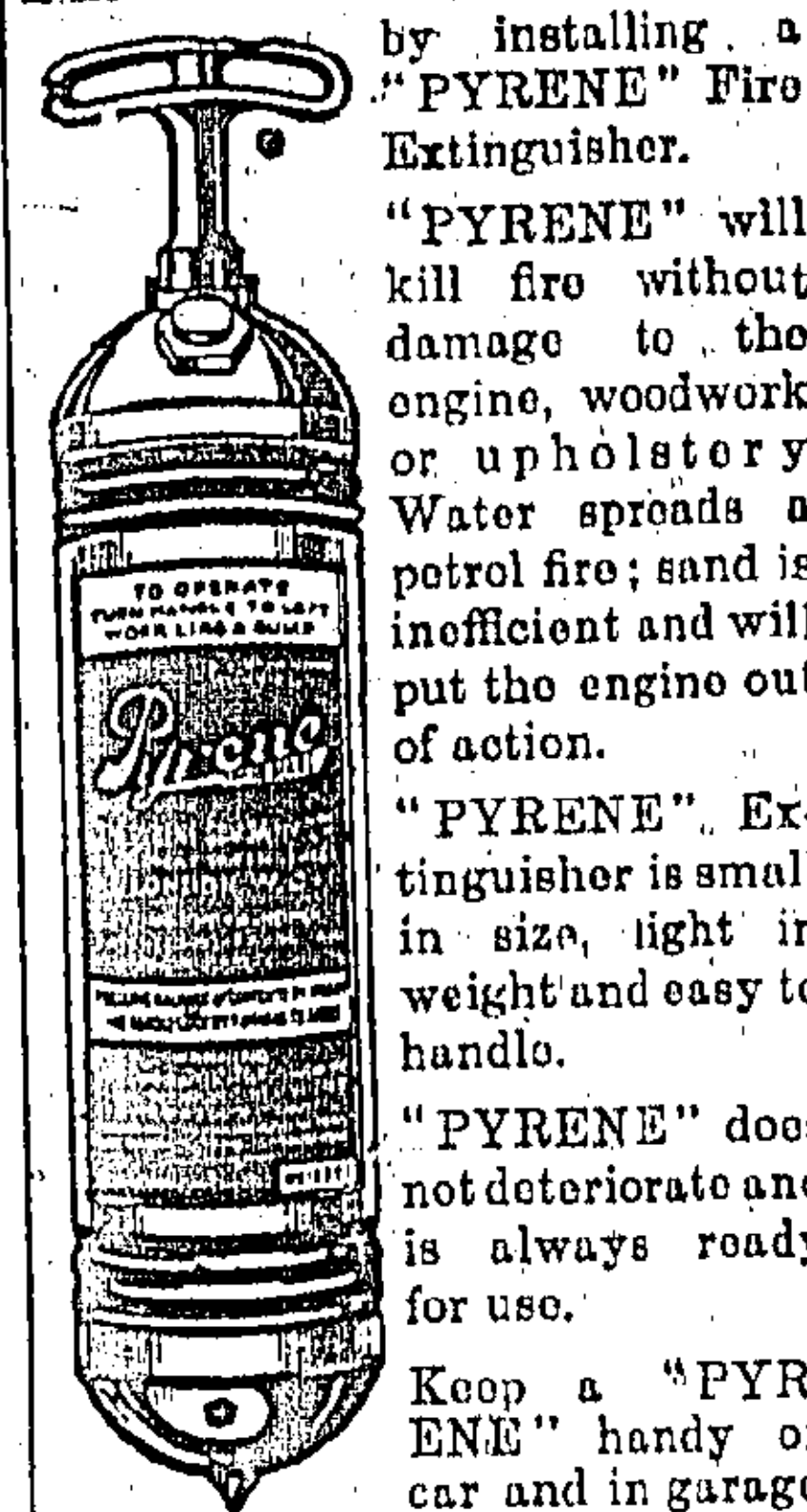
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THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

By his present visit to England, M. Doumergue, the President of France, has revived interest in the Entente Cordiale, at one time such a big factor in European, and even world, politics, but unfortunately allowed to suffer something of an eclipse within recent years. It is gratifying to read of the very enthusiastic reception accorded to the President, and the friendly sentiments expressed at the banquet at Buckingham Palace, for the public on both sides of the Channel will be noting the effects of this visit, and the reflection of that cordiality, particularly on the Continent, is sure to be all for the good. The man-in-the-street may be excused for asking, as he probably will, how the mere utterances of two rulers of neighbouring States can mould the policy of the different governments or infuse co-operation into the multitude. Yet it is apparent that a great deal of influence lies behind the pledges made on such occasions, and it possibly needed merely the definite sentiments of two prominent individuals like the King of England and the President of France, to shape the course both of thought and action in the two countries. One may look forward, then, to an increased collaboration towards the solving of domestic and political problems, and a closer line of action in world affairs, whether in Europe or the East. As it happens, the present French Government has been favourably inclined towards British policy, and in that has offered a contrast to the previous administration. Various factors operating for slight estrangement have, happily, been removed. May the good work go forward.

To discuss the Entente Cordiale, one has perforce to throw the mind back to those days before the war, when British and French statesmen more and more realised the necessity for a rapprochement in foreign policy and mutual effort in the interests of peace. The late King Edward will always be remembered for his fostering of the idea of the Entente—for a time not popular in France—until it developed into the bond of sympathy that culminated in our entry on the side of our Gallic neighbours in the World War. Those ties of friendship, it appeared, were cemented on the battlefield, and when the Treaty of Versailles was signed there seemed to lie ahead a period of firm co-operation in the work of re-

construction. However, problems arising from the conflict became sufficiently acute to result largely in a new orientation of foreign policies, and friends of the Entente had the somewhat disconcerting spectacle of the two old allies threatening to drift gradually apart. The earlier regimes of M. Poincare were marked by a slightly aggressive tone which did not help matters, and the unfortunate developments arising from war debts and the devastating slump in the franc, were a further complication. It happens that M. Poincare was responsible for the restoration of the French exchange and general finances, to near-stability, thus removing one cause of resentment against the outside world which was a very real thing in France, whatever it appeared to others. But the beginning of the drift back towards the old Entente can be traced to the association of the two Foreign Ministers at present in office, as well as the work of the British statesmen who have laboured so long in the cause of world peace. M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain have many points in common insofar as their policy abroad is concerned, and their close co-operation in the Locarno Pact and lifting of the ban against Germany, with that country's subsequent entry to the League of Nations, were stepping stones towards the resumption of the Entente as a live force in European politics. Anglo-French friendship is particularly desirable these days, and the visit of M. Doumergue to England comes opportunely at the conclusion of the successful labours to this end of those who have charge of the two nations' destinies.

Flood Victims.

Much sympathy will have gone out to the victims of the great Mississippi floods, the first news of which came to hand over a month ago, which have developed into a catastrophe surpassing anything previously recorded. From a comparatively small beginning, the breaks in the banks of the great river of the south-eastern States of America have grown and multiplied until to-day only a 150-mile stretch, from the Red River to New Orleans, remains intact. Thousands of square miles are inundated, thousands of people have been driven from their homes, and damage to farms, homesteads and cities runs into a colossal figure which has been put at well over \$250,000,000. Some of the richest districts in the United States have been flooded, and it is almost impossible for us here to grasp the full extent of the great catastrophe which has visited the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. Fortunately the floods have not been of such tragic suddenness as to cause great loss of life, but the plight of thousands of refugees, although there has been a wonderful and spontaneous display of help from all over the United States, can easily be guessed. There have been heroic fights against the great force of waters rushing down the mighty river, and wherever possible the levees, or bank, has been saved. The waters have been overwhelming, however, and have overcome the efforts of man to control them in their flow to the sea. It seems to us, that here is a great task awaiting the genius of American engineers, for it should not be beyond their prowess to make a repetition of these floods exceedingly remote. It has been reported that the various States concerned do not see eye to eye with each other regarding the proper measures to be taken and do not agree with the scheme which the Federal Government is prepared to put forward in a Bill, but in a matter of this nature it should not be impossible to get the various interests concerned to pool their ideas and evolve a common plan of action. Public opinion in the States will compel such a procedure, we should imagine. At all events, it will not be for lack of well-wishers and sympathisers if the people of the now stricken region fail to find immunity from future disaster of the nature which has now overwhelmed them.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday, those present being Mr. N. L. Smith (chairman), Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. H. T. Jackson (acting D.P.W.), Dr. G. W. Pope, (M.O.H.) and Mr. D. Davies, (secretary). There was no business of public interest.

DAY BY DAY.

GUILT HAS VERY QUICK EARS TO AN ACCUSATION.—Fielding.

The s.s. Benlomond from Manila is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The B.I. s.s. Santhia is due to arrive here tomorrow morning from Amoy.

There were four fresh cases of typhoid fever reported yesterday, all the sufferers being Chinese. There was also one Chinese case of small-pox.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 11 arrivals and 17 departures, of which six and seven respectively were British, leaving 62 vessels in harbour, British 20.

Sir Joseph Kemp will be the guest of honour at a party to be held in the Nam Tong Restaurant on Monday next. About 50 Chinese merchants will be present to congratulate him on his being recently honoured.

A Chinese named Lo Fat, who was charged with returning from deportation before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, was sentenced to three years' hard labour. His Lordship, after referring to the prisoner's record, remarked that he had returned from deportation no less than four times.

On Monday evening, when Revenue Officer A. Grimmett had gone on to the Star Ferry Wharf, leaving his motor-cycle parked at the stand, an attempt was made by a small boy to remove the tool-box from the machine. He was undoing the strap when the revenue officer returned, having been warned by a deaf-and-dumb boy who was left in charge of the machine. The culprit was caught, and on being charged before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning, was ordered to receive twelve strokes with the rattan.

IN A GAMBLING CASE BROUGHT BEFORE MR. R. E. LINDSELL THIS MORNING, 17 CHINESE WERE CHARGED, A PERPLEXING POINT INVOLVED WAS THAT OF DECIDING THE EXACT NATURE OF THE GAME ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PLAYED. ALL THE ACCUSED SAID THEY WERE PLAYING A HAKKA CARD GAME, BUT THE INTERPRETER GAVE IT AS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE GAME WAS *LOU FU*. STILL ANOTHER VIEW CAME FROM SERGEANT McTIER-NAN, WHEN THE LATTER SAID THAT IT WAS *PAI KAU* IN WHICH THE ACCUSED WERE INDULGING. FINALLY, HIS WORSHIP SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS *PAI KAU*. THE GAMING NATURE OF THE OFFENCE BEING PROVED, A FINE OF \$3 WAS INFLICTED ON EACH OF THE ACCUSED.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PASSENGERS.

SEVERAL HONGKONG
RESIDENTS.

The s.s. President Lincoln, which left to-day for Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, had a large passenger list.

Among those travelling from this port were: Mr. P. V. Guest, of the U.S. Rubber Export Company, Shanghai, returning to the northern port after a business trip to these parts; Mr. A. M. Muir, of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie and Company, on a business trip to Shanghai; Mr. Loy Chang, the manager of the local office of the Bank of China, on a business visit to Shanghai; and Flight Lieutenant Hollinghurst and Wing Commander Barrett, also bound for Shanghai.

BAND CONCERTS.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

"We have in Hongkong at the present time," writes a correspondent, "no fewer than six battalions of infantry, all of which it is presumed have efficient bands. It would be difficult to understand, for instance, the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards arriving in Hongkong without one of the bands for which the regiment is justly famous."

"Would it not be possible for arrangements to be made for a resumption of those pleasant band concerts, which provided such a delight to Kowloon folk on summer evenings in 1925?"

"I feel sure the Kowloon Football Club would be only too pleased to place their ground at the disposal of the K.R.A. in order that a bandstand might be erected for the summer months. There is no reason why concerts should not be given on two evenings each week."

CORRESPONDENCE.

BATHING FACILITIES.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I am a Britisher with a moderate salary. For three years, I have awaited some bathing facilities at a reasonable charge.

Matsheds at Repulse Bay are at a premium. I advertised for some weeks to rent or purchase one but had no reply. Even so, perhaps I could not have afforded same. At Repulse Bay there is no shelter from the glaring sun, no place to rest, to take one's lunch or one's ease. True, there are six tents all open and needing repair. I can easily witness all the process of undressing in these tents if in a suitable position because the flaps do not fit or close. This state of affairs has been for two seasons. The boy tells me that more tents are ordered and that they will soon be here. However, that does not satisfactorily fit the present need which is *cheap suitable bathing facilities for the average man* with public lunches each day, suitable places of shade and a place to change one's clothes. In an Island Colony such as this it should be easy!

The public beaches that we have now at East Point etc. are filthy. Any proper supervision would soon stop this but apparently there is none. At any rate these do not fill the bill.

Yesterday it cost me twelve dollars to take my family for a bath to Repulse Bay—counting waiting time for the motor car (owing to the lack of provision for any person wishing to get out of the sun). I cannot afford such a sum three or four times a week. Surely there is some remedy. Cannot the Government interest itself in some scheme for cheaper bathing, adequate shade and locker facilities and cheap lunches each day.—Yours, etc.

Hosti Acacie Nominati.

Hongkong, May 16, 1927.

The Public's "Grouse."

Sir,—It is not surprising that the public feels it has a grouse when it makes the trip to Repulse Bay for a swim only to find that the only public accommodation is five weather-beaten, moth-eaten tents, which ought to have been discarded long ago. In spite of their condition they are snatched up by the early visitors, who as a general rule remain the whole afternoon. Such a position is a disgrace to Hongkong, which should be in a position to make ample provision for the casual swimmer.

And it is the same wherever one goes. In Kowloon there are no public bathing facilities worth the mention. The Government announces that Taiwan Bay has been nicely prepared and that provision has been made for 43 men and 32 ladies. That may be so, but the surroundings are such that no self-respecting gentleman would dream of inviting a lady to accompany him there.

At Castle Peak, no provision at all is made for the public. On Saturday a friend of mine concealed himself behind a handy rock to undress, had an enjoyable dip and, on returning, found four ladies picnicking right on the spot. He had the alternatives of embarrassing himself and the ladies too by walking up to recover his clothes, or of waiting about until the party had tired itself out.

Such a situation should be quite unnecessary and in spite of the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee, some accommodation should be made at Castle Peak for those who cannot afford to construct or to rent matsheds.—Yours, etc.

BOTHERED.

Hongkong, May 18, 1927.

North Point Beach.

Sir,—As a frequent user of the North Point bathing beach may I register through your columns a complaint against the lackadaisical methods obtaining in connexion with this place.

Last Sunday, swimming was entirely out of the question at North Point owing to the large number of jelly-fish, which, added to the general filth which is allowed to collect in the swimming enclosure, makes bathing anything but the pleasant recreation it ought to be. In justice to the Government it must be said that it is almost impossible to stop a certain amount of filth drifting in, but surely this could be eliminated to a great extent by substituting a more efficient barrier at that point of the barrier extending from the H.K. Electric Company's retaining wall for a distance of roughly six feet. Here rough boarding is used with spaces of two or three inches between each plank—hence most of the filth.

Also, the provision of only one lifeboat seems grossly inadequate, for if a person were drowning on the side of the pier he would be a sure starter for Happy Valley by the time the lifeboat reached him from the other side, assuming, of course, that nobody was in the vicinity to render assistance.—Yours, etc.

Hongkong, May 18th.

NEPTUNE.

The Very Idea!

A Scotsman paid his taxicab fare, and gave the driver a penny for a tip.

"What's this?" growled the driver, poised the penny and glaring at it in disgust.

"Ye're a sportsman," said the Scotsman, beaming at him—"Tails!"

When I've a syllable de trop, I cut it off, without apol: This verbal sacrifice, I know, May irritate the school; But all must praise my devilish cunning.

Who realise that Time is Mon: I gladly publish to the pop: A scheme of which I make no myst: And beg my fellow scribes to cop:

This labour-saving syst: I offer it to the consid: Of ev'ry thoughtful individ:.

The concert notice does not, as a rule, offer much scope for innovation; and it is with a pleasant shock of surprise that one reads in the "Manchester Guardian":—

On Saturday evening in the Free Trade Hall a conference was held of the Ancient Order of Popular Tunes and Compositions. Sir Henry Wood was in the chair. The proceedings opened with a vote of sympathy and condolence to Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C sharp minor, unable to be present owing to a slight attack of chromatias. The gathering, however, was representative, and included Handel's Largo, Sheppard's Hey, the "Peer Gynt" suite No. 1, Boccherini's Minuet, the "Hoffman" barcarolle, the "William Tell" overture, the intermezzo from "Cavalleria," and Walford Davies's "Solenn Melody."

It is really a notice of the Brand Lane Concert (which is mentioned in a headline), but one is really more interested in the fact that Handel's Largo boasted that he "had never felt better and was able to walk several bars daily."

Kent magistrate to a motorist: You are fined forty shillings. Motorist, producing the money: Is this the "palm" court?

Landlord at Shoreditch County Court: These people are quarrelsome. When I went to their room it looked as if there had been an air raid.

Solicitor at Shoreditch: Why have you not brought your wife to court? Husband: She has left school. I cannot order her about like a child.

Mr. Rooth, Lambeth magistrate: Cannot you hold your tongue? Man: I am an Irishman. Mr. Rooth: But even Irishmen can hold their tongues. The great Duke of Wellington was an Irishman, and he was not lavish in his language.

The farewell of the Maoris to the Duke and Duchess has a touch of poetry which we have managed to eliminate from official greetings. To be called "the snow-white crane" which flies but once in a lifetime" must be an agreeable change after so long a course of "Your Royal Highness."

Crime, as we understand it, is often poetry in revolt.—The Rev. S. G. Murray.

There are no dull stories; there are only dull people who write books.—Miss Elizabeth Drew.

I was trained in the old school, but thank God I have lived to revel in the wonders of the new.—Sir J. Bland Sutton.

I would rather carry on as a leader and have my head cut off at the end than die a lingering death by having my tail twisted by any minority.—Lord Craigavon.

A foreigner once rashly asserted that he had thoroughly mastered the English language, whereupon someone asked him to write from dictation the following:

As Hugh Hughes was hewing a Yulelog from a yew tree, a man in clothes of a dark hue came up to Hugh and said, "Have you seen my ewes?" Said Hugh, "If you will wait until I hew this yew I will go with you anywhere in Europe to look for your ewes."

Skirt: "Do you think my hands show any signs of toil?"

Flirt: "Yes, this one with the engagement ring on shows you've been working."

French police were last week scouring the French Concession, at Shanghai, and police of the Settlement were on the alert for a band of eight daring armed robbers who entered a house in the French Concession, herded the inmates into a room, searched the home, forced one inmate to sign a cheque for \$1,500, cashed the cheque and escaped from the place with money and jewellery totalling \$4,000. The robbery took place on Wednesday morning.

WHAT HANKOW SAYS
OF CHIANG.A "TRAITOR TO THE
NATION."

COMMUNIST FULMINATIONS.

We have just received a further copy of "Chinese Correspondence," which is the weekly organ of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang at Hankow.

The number is extremely interesting because it is full of anti-Chiang Kai-shek articles, which show how thoroughly hated is Marshal Chiang by those in power in the Wuhan cities.

Under the heading "Chiang Kai-shek traitor to the Nation and the Instrument of Imperialism," there appears a declaration by the Delegation of the Communist International, which is typical of many others in the issue under notice. From this "Declaration" we take the following:—

Chiang Kai-shek's counter-revolutionary activities have culminated in the establishment of a rival "nationalist government" at Nanking. This act of his is more unpardonable than his previous numerous acts of violation, namely, the coup d'état of March 20, attacks upon the revolutionary wing of the Kuomintang, suppression of workers' and peasants' movement in Kiangsi and Chekiang, attempt to establish his personal dictatorship and finally the murder of Shanghai workers. We watched all the violent actions of Chiang Kai-shek and his agents with great anxiety, but hoped that he would hesitate to turn a barefaced traitor to the Nationalist movement. At this critical period of the nationalist revolution preservation of united front is so imperative that all crimes of those who fight against imperialism can be temporarily overlooked. But the selfish interest of the feudal-bourgeois class is not only antagonistic to the interests of the workers and peasants, but to those of the entire people. Consequently Chiang Kai-shek's crimes did not stop at the massacre of Kiangsi and Shanghai workers. They culminated in a revolt against the people's party and people's Government.

He seeks to deceive the people by declaring faithfulness to the Kuomintang and throwing on the Central Committee the responsibility of splitting the party. We testify that this is an audacious lie. When the conflict between him and the Central Committee grew acute Chiang Kai-shek appealed to the Communist International to send its delegation in China to visit him. On the eve of our departure to visit him came the news that he had convoked a few members of the Central Committee and Control Commission in a meeting at Nanking to declare the joint conference of Wuhan as an attempt to split the party. We immediately telegraphed him to call off the meeting and stand by the agreements he had made in Shanghai with Comrade Wang Chin-wei to bring all the disputed questions before a Plenary session of the Central Committee in which he should participate. In the same telegraph we informed him that should he take our advice we would visit him in order to discuss the way and means of preserving the unity of the revolutionary forces in the face of imperialist attack. He did not answer our telegraph and proceeded with his plan to disrupt the party.

While denouncing Chiang Kai-shek as an instrument of imperialism, murderer of workers and peasants and traitor to the nation we draw the attention of the Chinese people to the fact that it is not one or a few individuals that have revolted against the party. An entire social class has not only deserted the nationalist revolution, but has turned against it. It is not Chiang Kai-shek and his murderous entourage of Kwangsi generals that should be overthrown from the usurped power. Feudal bourgeois elements throughout the country must be destroyed. The breeding-pool of Chiang Kai-shekism should be removed. It is not only necessary to go to Nanking and Shanghai to attack Chiang Kai-shek. His power can be attacked in every village, in every town by destroying the power of feudalism and reactionary bourgeoisie. Eradication of the roots of Chiang Kai-shekism will be the main feature of the coming stage in the development of the nationalist revolution.

Charges that prisoners in the state penitentiary have a pleasant and enjoyable life have been answered by a direct challenge from Warden L. E. Lawes, of Sing Sing. "Any public man who believes that Sing Sing prisoners are coddled is invited to spend a day here as an inmate," he says. So far, there have been no takers.

PRISONER'S MISTAKE.

THOUGHT JURYMAN WAS
POLICE OFFICER.

A Chinese prisoner, named Li Hing, caused some amusement at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he was charged with house-breaking and larceny, before the acting Police Judge, Mr. P. Jacks, by remarking that a jurymen, named Mr. D. S. Scott, looked like the man who arrested him. He made this remark after being asked whether he wished to object to any of the jurors.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, who prosecuted for the Crown, remarked that perhaps there was a resemblance between a certain European officer in the case and the gentleman on the jury.

The prisoner said he was sorry if he was wrong, and explained that his eyesight was bad. The charges related to house-breaking and larceny at the Watanal Bouchand godown and office, 18, On Lan Street, on the night of April 25th. The prisoner was further charged with being found on the premises with implements for house-breaking in his possession. He is alleged to have stolen 11 pieces of jade wear, a pair of bangles, and \$180 in money.

Mr. Holmes said the office and godown were situated on the ground floor, and the manager lived on the top floor. On the night in question, an Indian watchman heard a noise inside, in the early hours of the morning. The noise continued for some time and eventually he aroused the manager.

The manager went round to the back of the premises to a spot where there was an iron gate, and where he was able to look down into the yard of the premises. He saw a man mount the steps leading to the iron gate, but finding it locked he went back to the yard, re-entered the godown and barred the door.

Doors Broken Open. The police were called in, and after breaking down two doors, the prisoner was discovered in the godown, with a large jemmy in his hand, two punches in his pocket, and other tools lying about the floor. There were signs of certain drawers having been broken open, and it was found that money had been removed.

The sum of \$172.61 was actually found on the prisoner, of which amount he claimed seven dollars odd as his own. In addition, other things had been removed and placed ready for taking away.

Mr. Holmes said that one door had glass panels which were guarded by wire, and it was found that the wire had been cut, and the glass broken sufficiently for a man to get through.

When charged at the police station prisoner said:—"I entreat your Worship to deal leniently with me. I entreat your Worship to show kindness to me."

When charged before the Magistrate, prisoner denied that he was holding the jemmy in his hand, and alleged that when he was arrested he was assaulted by many people and was stunned.

It appeared later on that the prisoner had mistaken Sgt. MacDonald for Mr. Scott, the two bearing some resemblance to each other.

The prisoner made a lengthy and involved statement in which he admitted being on the premises, but said he was forced to go there. He was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
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TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1.—Who originated the Penny Post?
- 2.—Who first introduced the implements and material for tobacco smoking into England?
- 3.—Who was John Knox, and when did he flourish?
- 4.—What is the Landsturm?
- 5.—When was a great religious movement begun by a woman hurling a stool at the head of a preacher?
- 6.—"The sun never sets on the Empire," of what Empire was this phrase first used?
- 7.—What is the origin of the phrase "to give quarters?"
- 8.—What forms the boundary line between the United States and Canada?
- 9.—Who was reputed to be the fattest man who ever lived?
- 10.—What English peer is a Mohammedan?
- 11.—Who is in official rank the highest civil subject in the land?
- 12.—How many Churchills have been Chancellors of the Exchequer?
- 13.—When was the first free library opened in England, and where?
- 14.—Who composed the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light?"
- 15.—What is the origin of "Mrs. Grundy?"

HANKOW'S PLIGHT.

A BOLSHEVIK CLASS WAR.

Hankow, May 12.

It is reported that the troops of General Chang, at Shayang, are in league with General Yang Sen in his campaign against the Hankow government.

With the commencement of a Bolshevik class war in Hanyang, where nobody with property is safe, all the important producing markets are closed causing the government extreme uneasiness.

Eugene Chen is reported to be despairing of ever getting any good out of the government, and the financial situation is reported to be desperate. There is absolutely no hope of anything in the nature of a constructive governmental programme being formulated and it is expected that nothing but general chaos will result.

The Secession of Yang Sen.

There now appears to be no truth in the report, current in Shanghai on Thursday, that troops belonging to Marshal Sun Chuanfang had landed at Tsungming Island, off Woosung, with the intention of attacking Shanghai.

A conflicting report is also observed in yesterday's local despatch that Yang Sen had joined with Chiang Kai-shek. It now seems authentic that Yang Sen who arrived at Ichang on May 8 when the usual looting of the native city was begun, has joined up with Wu Pei-fu. Shasi is also reported to have been taken over by Yang Sen and further movements of this general's troops are noted on the Han River along which Wu Pei-fu is apparently assembling his and Yang Sen's troops for an advance upon Hankow.

Sah Tao-yan, another Wu general, who turned Southern last autumn, is also reported to have joined Yang Sen. The Red Spears are still operating on the Honan-Hupoh border against the Southerners and reports have reached Hankow of another destroyed bridge in that vicinity. Fengtien troops have not advanced beyond Chumiatun according to reliable accounts.

Sign of Uneasiness.

Other reports show that there are distinct signs of uneasiness, amongst local officials, although Hankow remains externally quiet. Commandeering of silver and food continues and the latter, which is being rationed, is getting short.

It is stated that the claims of Southern victories in the Hankow press are not true, although northern troops are not advancing at the present time. Further reports say that Yang Sen's dismissal from the southern army has resulted in his anti-southern advance. Other reports state that a number of minor government officials at Hankow have recently left the city, though what this indicates cannot be surmised.

There has been a large number of troop movements about 10 kilometres above Hankow during the last 48 hours, according to latest reports available in brief. The commander of the Japanese gunboat Katata reported to foreign officials in Wuhu that he had seen large numbers of Shantung troops around Hoehow during the past few days, but that only Southern troops were above that point.

Chen Tiao-yuan's 37th Army has not been disarmed by the 7th Army as was previously reported. It was established yesterday. The position of northern troops, numbers however unknown, is reliably stated as being in the areas of Luchoo, Chokien, Chaoshien, Yuntsoo and Hoehow. Opposed to these are the 7th, 10th, 15th, 27th and 44th divisions of Chiang Kai-shek's troops, which are reported to number in all 100,000 men. The number, however, is generally regarded as an exaggeration. Their reported disposition is that the 7th and 15th divisions from Wuhu drove 1,500 Shantung troops out of Yuntsoo on Wednesday without serious opposition.

The 10th and 27th divisions have landed on the north bank of the river at various places between Anking and Wuhu, south of Chow Lake and are advancing in the direction of Luan Chow. The 37th Division are at Chiasheche advancing on Hoehow according to the same reports. They reached Paitouchou yesterday. The 44th Division crossed at Taiping and are advancing on Hanshan.

Threat To T.-P. Railway.

The objective of the Southern forces is believed to be to threaten and close the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from east to south, to check the northern advance westwards in the Chow Lake district and to force a general retirement to the north. A few wounded arrived in Wuhu on Thursday.

At Chinking where the situation remains the same, troop movements continue. More troops are expected from Nanking shortly and General Tsao Wan-shun has returned. Mr. Shen Yu-ching took over a portion of the duties of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs on May 7. On May 12 the Commissioner issued a request that General Ho should order the removal of all troops from foreign houses, Jardine Matheson's having been one of the latest residences to be occupied by these troops. The result of this request is not yet disclosed, however.—N. C. Daily News.



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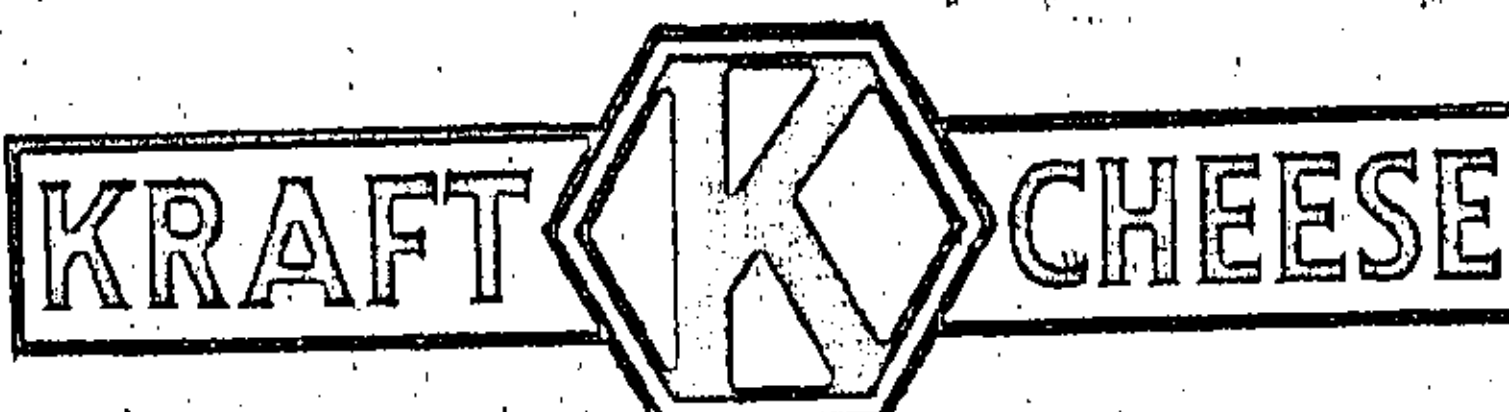
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RATIONALISATION OF
INDUSTRY.THE GENEVA CONGRESS
SUGGESTIONS.

Geneva, May 17.

The Economic Conference industrial committee has passed a resolution as regards rationalisation of industry, laying down that the rational organisation of production and distribution is the principal factor in increasing output, improving labour conditions, and reducing prices; also that during such process the legitimate interests of the workers should be safeguarded where the early stages of rationalisation may involve unemployment or more arduous working conditions.—Reuter.

Repressive Tariffs.

The commercial sub-committee, dealing with the customs tariffs situation, submitted a report aiming at the removal or diminution of tariff barriers which gravely hamper trade, recommending that export duties on raw materials should never be imposed for the purpose of subjecting consumer countries to an increased burden, or placing them in a position of inferiority.—Reuter.

TO-DAY.

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LEGISLATURES IN
COLONIES.CONFERENCE PROPOSES
CHANGES.

London, May 17.

The Colonial Conference has dealt with the efforts to assimilate the procedure in conducting business in the Colonial legislatures, which is admittedly difficult owing to the varying nature of the problems of individual Colonies.

Interesting suggestions forthcoming included the adoption of a royal emblem for each assembly, the gradual transition from the presidency of the Governor to that of an elected Speaker, and also the adoption of model sets of standing orders by groups of colonies associated geographically or otherwise.—Reuter.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS CASE.

Charges of forgery and larceny were preferred against a man J. L. Kiley, at the opening of the Criminal Sessions in the Supreme Court this morning, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, but, owing to the lengthy list of cases to be heard, and the fact that the prisoner pleaded "not guilty" to one of the charges, the case was adjourned until Monday morning, when a murder case is also down for hearing.

The prisoner was charged with the larceny, on May 27th, of two Mercantile Bank of India cheque forms, the property of Mr. E. R. Dovey. There was a second charge of forging the signature of Mr. Dovey and presenting a cheque for \$980, receiving the equivalent in Bank of England and treasury notes, £99.10s. with intent to deprive either Mr. Dovey or the Bank of that amount.

The prisoner admitted the first count, but pleaded innocent to the second, stating it was partly true, inasmuch as he did not intend to defraud.

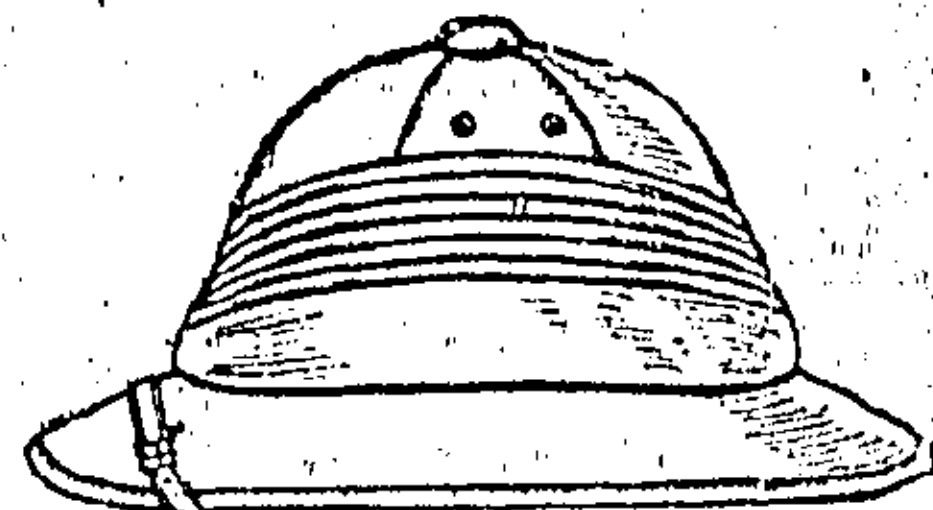
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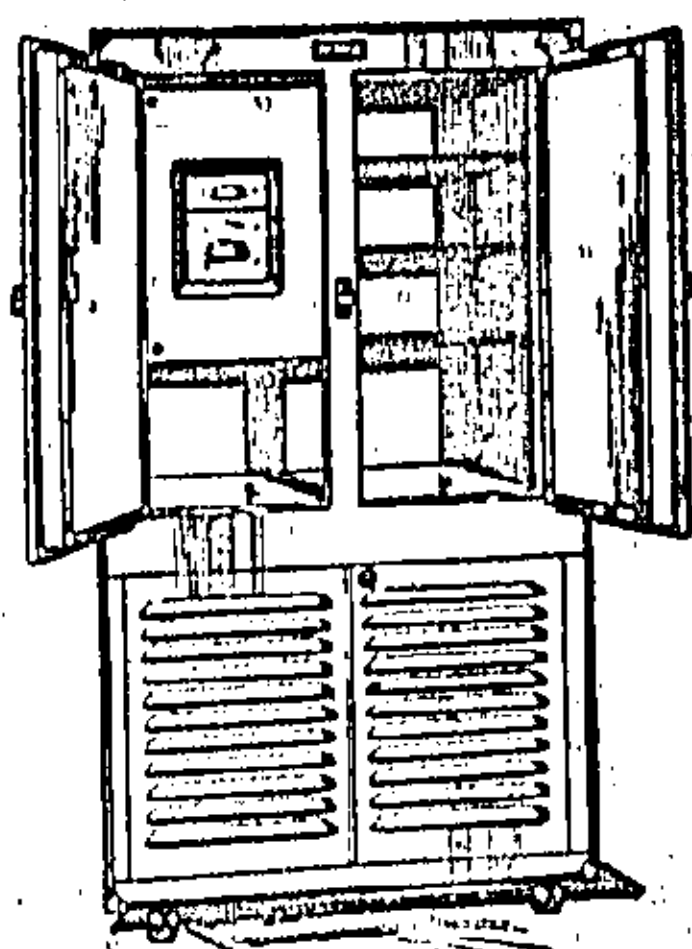
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HANGCHOW NOW QUIET.

DEATH PENALTY FOR
COMMUNISTS.

Direct news from Hangchow reports all quiet on the surface. In the struggle against the Communists the latter seem to have been worsted. It is said, however, that they are still in the city in considerable numbers and are ready to go the whole length in their extreme measures if General Chiang Kai-shek and his party should be downed at Nanking; a number have been executed and others are being detained.

Economically things are in a bad way, says a *Shanghai Times* correspondent. Numbers of people are out of work and begging for any sort of employment by which they may live. One day last week seven money shops closed and a number of banks have shut their doors. The Government is assessing the moneyed classes heavily and endeavouring to raise ten million dollars.

It is reported that one of the largest silk concerns in the city is trying to borrow cash with which to purchase cocoons, which will be ready in two or three weeks. Although the labour union has been done away with there is a decided tension, rather felt than otherwise manifested, which indicates that something drastic is feared.

Y.M.C.A. Threatened.

No serious steps have been taken against the Church, but the authorities are threatening to take over a large part of the fine building of the Young Men's Christian Association as headquarters for the Municipal Government. The C. M. S. Hospital is still running under the government, but the last doctor who was on the old staff has now got out and it is said that the institution cannot carry on much longer as there is no money for it.

The Hangchow Christian College is carrying on under the Chinese and doing quite well; also the American and British Girls' Boarding schools. The Students' Union is a thing of the past for a while at least of its leaders being imprisoned according to report. Christian primary schools are going ahead, but most of those in charge think that it will not be possible to continue them in the autumn.

Mission property, continues the correspondent, has not been injured except in one case: none of it is now occupied by soldiers, but I hear that the Chinese C. I. M. church property is still being used.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A COMEDY FILM.

The story of "The Auction Block," which is the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, is that a young bride leaves her husband on learning of his past and the fact that he is being supported by his wealthy father, and postpones their honeymoon until he has proved himself worthy of her affection. That is a very brief and simple way of condensing what is really a thoroughly entertaining and amusing story, well acted and screened, as all Metro-Goldwyn productions are. Mr. Charles Ray and Miss Eleanor Boardman are the well-known principals and they act extremely well together.

There is a very good Gaumont Graphic in the programme, and also a very vigorous "slap-stick" type of Comedy, featuring the Gumps.

On Thursday there is to be a change of programme, with Gloria Swanson in "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

SHANGHAI SUICIDES.

BRITISH VISITOR FOUND
SHOT.

On May 5, Private Henry James Pantlin, of the Royal Air Force, attached to H.M.S. *Argus*, was notified that he had been promoted to the rank of Corporal. The new non-commissioned officer, a young man, seemed elated and smilingly informed his friends, says the *Shanghai Times*.

On Monday of last week Corporal Pantlin was found dead on the boat-deck of the vessel, a rope about his neck. He had taken his own life.

The suicide of the R. A. F. man is believed to be the second in the International Settlement that day.

Early the same morning a shot rang out in a room in a popular hotel. An hour or more later a horrified room boy found the body of Mr. Percy E. Cadman, 31, lying in bed in his room, a pistol gripped in his hand. A bullet wound in his forehead told a silent story of the manner in which he met death. Mr. Cadman had been stopping at the hotel for several months and was a member of the S.V.C.

Little was known about him except that he came from Tientsin, where he had been for nearly 15 years. The dead man was a British subject and is reported to have served during the Great War. So far as is known he had no relatives in Shanghai. The inquest was held with Mr. I. T. Morris acting as Coroner.

Mr. Morris also presided at the inquest into the death of Corporal Pantlin, when a verdict of suicide while temporarily of unsound mind was given.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

OPENING OF SEASON.

The Wilbur Players opened their season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night and were given a most hearty reception by a "capacity" house. This band of players has arrived with a high reputation from Shanghai and, judging by the very excellent performance given last night are fully worthy of all the high praise that has been meted out to them.

The broad farce "Do Foolish Wives Pay?" was presented, and the audience was kept in thoroughly good humour all the evening. The action centres round the efforts of a too-trusting husband to win back the regard of his wife who craves excitement and, who has found him too dull. The husband finds a congenial helper in the too-trusting wife of a friendly neighbour and who, likewise, is often left at home at night alone while her partner is out enjoying himself. How these two people stage a "compromising situation" for the purpose of shocking their "other halves," makes up the farcical play. There are cocktails and negligees, and, of course, a terrible to-do when they are discovered. But it all ends happily, and with laughs a-plenty.

Miss Florence Printy and Mr. N. Antony Baker fill the principal parts with great success, and they are ably supported by Miss Verna Mercereau, Miss Florence Underhill, Mr. Earl Hodgins and Mr. Kneeland Parker. The direction and staging of the play was excellent, and everybody present must have spent a very enjoyable evening.

The same play is being produced to-night, but to-morrow evening the players will put on "Cappy Ricks."

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL.

CLEVER REPAIR FEAT.

When, for the first time for six years, Evensong is sung again in the choir of the ancient St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in a day or two, there will be disclosed one of the greatest marvels of restoration work ever seen in this country, says a London paper of mail week.

The wonderful ornate vaulted ceiling has been saved from ruin by measures which at first seemed impossible.

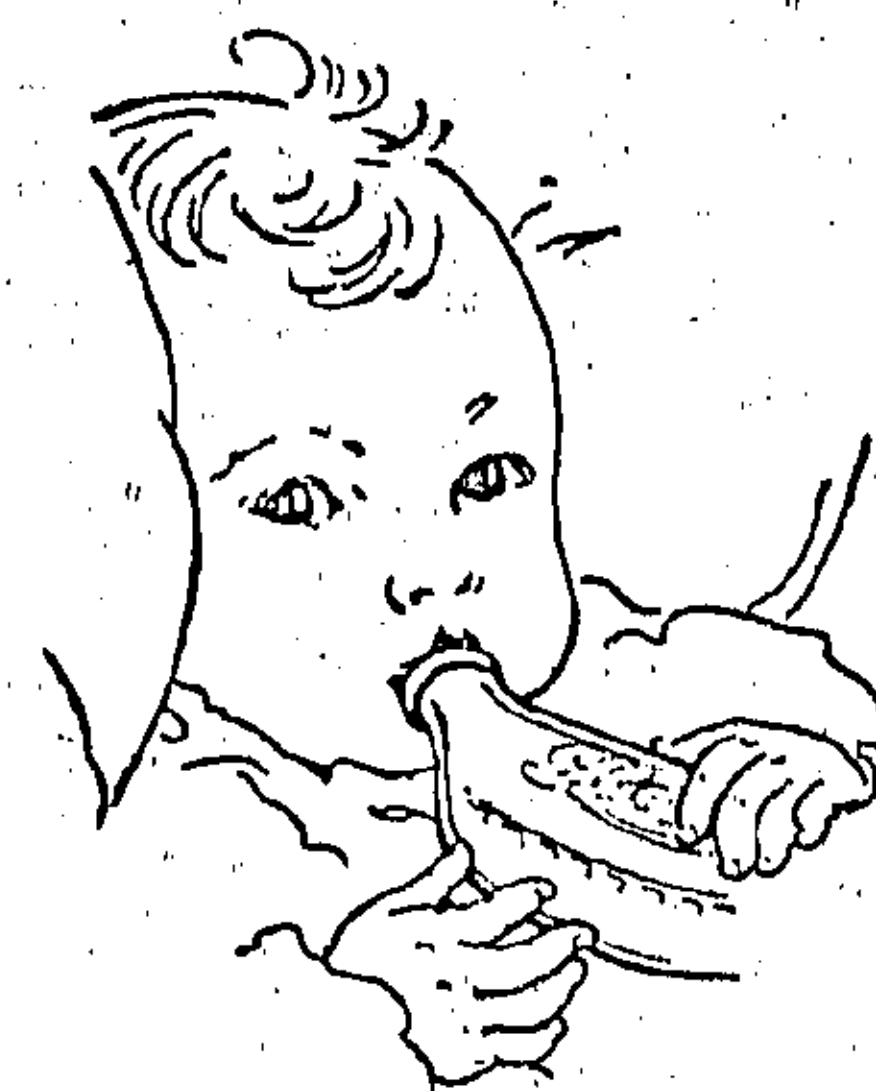
The King and Queen, who have followed the work with intense interest, made a close inspection of it when they arrived at Windsor Castle last week. The Queen insisted on climbing up the dark and narrow stone staircase to the roof of the chapel.

Practically the entire ceiling, with its subtle tracery, has been taken down, repaired and replaced. The task was full of dangers, and how the ceiling held fast previously is a mystery. A *Daily Mail* reporter who yesterday watched the 80 masons and other craftsmen, putting the finishing touches to their work was told by one expert that it would have needed only a slight earth tremor or a severe thunder-storm to have brought the ceiling tumbling down.

The gorgeously decorated banners under the insignia to present Knights of the Garter have been replaced above the excellently carved choir stalls. Prominently placed before the organ loft, and facing the altar, hang the specially cleaned banners of the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of York.

In addition to the ceiling, every part of the choir, including the quaintly designed Royal pew overlooking the altar, which was built by Henry VIII, for Catherine of Aragon, has been thoroughly repaired.

Work has now begun on the nave, the repairs to which will, it is estimated, take about three years to complete, and will cost £30,000. The repairs to the choir have cost £35,000.



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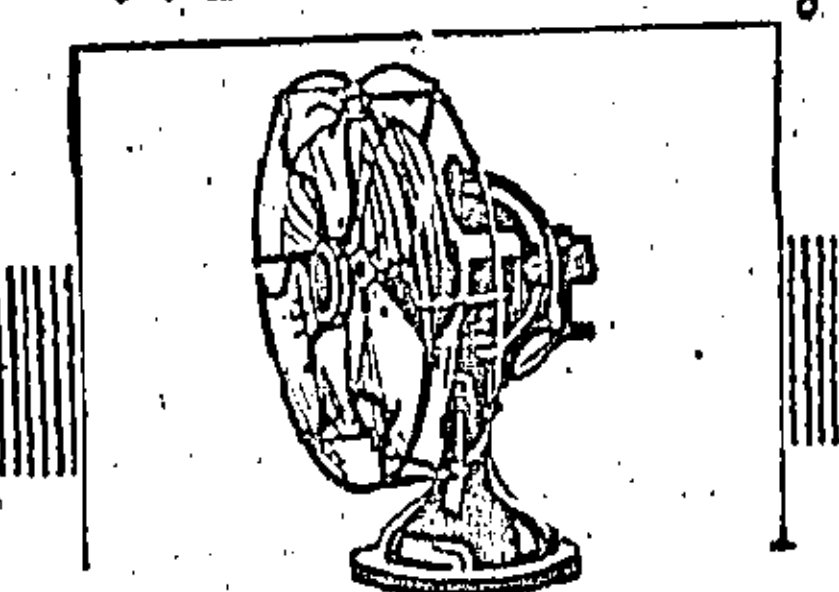
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SOME REMARKABLY LOW SCORES.

LANCASHIRE'S LAPSE.

It is evident from the messages cabled by Reuters, that after fine weather on Saturday, cricket was interfered with by wet weather in the closing days.

There was some remarkably low scoring, and bowlers showed up well. Surrey, Yorkshire and Middlesex were all successful, but Lancashire suffered a lapse at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, where they narrowly escaped defeat. Needing 106 runs for victory in the second innings, they had lost seven wickets and were still 38 runs in arrears at the close of play.

Shepherd, the Surrey player, scored his third century in successive matches, and Sandham also reached three figures.

The principal performances are appended:

Batting:

Sandham (Surrey)	148
Payton (Notts)	145
Shepherd (Surrey)	139
Hearn J. W. (Middlesex)	121
Oldroyd (Yorkshire)	110
Smith (Warwick) Not out	401

Bowling:

Hearn (Middlesex)	7 for 21
Rhodes (Yorkshire)	6 for 20
Fenley (Surrey)	6 for 40
Kennedy (Hants)	6 for 50
Townsend (Derby)	5 for 31
Tyldesley R. (Lancs)	5 for 39
Eastman (Essex)	5 for 31
Macaulay (Yorks)	5 for 38

SHEPHERD'S SCORES.

Makes Third Successive Century.

London, May 17.

Tom Shepherd, the Surrey all-rounder, made his third century in successive matches, and his second century in consecutive innings, playing against Somerset at Taunton. Against Hampshire he made 120 in the first innings, against Gloucester he compiled 277 (not out) in the only innings, and in the match concluded to-day he made 134.

Surrey won by an innings and 122 runs, after declaring when only four wickets had fallen, and enforcing the follow-on.

The scores were:

Surrey: 466 (for 4 wickets decd.).

Somerset: 118 and 226.

Taunton, the ground on which Hobbs so dramatically passed W. G. Grace's record of centuries in 1925, proved a happy field for Surrey. Hobbs and Sandham set the side on the way to a big score, though Hobbs lost his wicket when he had scored 58. Sandham went on to make 148 in part partnership with Shepherd. Shepherd was dismissed with his score standing at 114, while Andy Ducat had made 73 (not out). P. G. H. Fender declared the innings closed at the fall of the fourth wicket, when 466 runs had been scored.

Somerset were dismissed for 118, Fenley taking 6 wickets for 40 runs. On their second venture they met with better fortune, C. C. Case compiling 59 in a total of 226.

MACAULAY SHINES.

Rhodes Also in Capital Form.

Macaulay's consistent form with the bat is totally eliminating the Yorkshire "tail." Against Gloucester, at Dewsbury, he was second highest scorer for the side, and in the second innings he dismissed five batsmen at a cost of only 38 runs. Wilfred Rhodes, the Yorkshire veteran, was also in form with the ball.

Yorkshire defeated Gloucester by an innings and two runs, their third consecutive innings' victory. The scores were:

Yorkshire: 318.

Gloucester: 134 and 182.

Oldroyd, who is a native of Dewsbury, made 100—his first century of the season—in the Yorkshire innings, while Macaulay hit up 76 in great style before he was dismissed.

In reply Gloucester found Rhodes bowling almost unplayable and they were all out for 134. Rhodes took six wickets for 20 runs. Following on, Gloucester were dismissed for 182, though Dipper gave a fine fighting display. He scored 82 before succumbing, while Macaulay took 5 wickets for 38 runs.

A HANTS COLLAPSE.

Middlesex Win a Remarkable Match.

A brilliant all-round performance by J. W. Hearn paved the way to the Middlesex success in a most remarkable game. It was Middlesex's first venture in the

COUNTY CRICKET.

SOME REMARKABLY LOW SCORES.

LANCASHIRE'S LAPSE.

County Championship and they defeated Hampshire, at Lord's, by 146 runs.

The scores were:

Middlesex: 392 (for 9 wickets decd.) and 110.

Hampshire: 280 and 76.

Sound even batting was the feature of the Middlesex first innings. Hearn made 121 in faultless style, H. J. Enthoven scored 53, Nigel Haig 37, and F. T. Mann, the captain, 55.

The only feature of the Hampshire first innings was a patient 60 by Philip Mead.

Going in a second time, Middlesex were dismissed on a wet wicket for 110, Kennedy taking 6 wickets for 50 runs.

The Hampshire collapse was even more remarkable, Hearn bowling with deadly effect to claim seven victims at a cost of only 24 runs. The whole side was dismissed for 76.

DERBY'S GREAT EFFORT.

Lancashire All But Defeated.

Lancashire just evaded defeat at the hands of Derbyshire, at Ilkeston. Unfavourable weather resulted in remarkably low scoring and a somewhat sensational finish. Derbyshire led by 9 runs on the first innings, and gained major points. The scores were:

Derbyshire: 209 and 96.

Lancashire: 200 and 68 (for 7 wickets).

G. R. Jackson, the Derby skipper, scored 52 runs in the Derby first innings, while Hallows (87) was the only Lancashire player to make a stand.

Derby failed on a wet wicket, leaving Lancashire to score 106 for victory. R. Tyldesley took five wickets for 31 runs.

Lancashire's fourth innings' effort was even more disastrous. When time was called seven wickets had fallen for only 68 runs. Townsend claiming five victims at a cost of 29 runs.

WARWICK SAVED.

Magnificent Innings by Smith.

A magnificent effort by Smith who scored 101 not out in a second innings total of 190 (for 5 wickets) saved Warwickshire from an innings defeat at Birmingham where Nottinghamshire provided the opposition.

At the close of play, Warwick in two innings were still 38 runs behind the Nottinghamshire total, the visitors, of course, obtaining points for a victory on the first innings. The scores were:

Notts: 385.

Warwick: 157 and 190 (for 5 wickets).

Batting first Nottingham put Warwickshire on the defensive from the start. Payton hit up 148, Staples (A.) scored 60 and Gunn 53.

Scoring only 157 and being compelled to follow on Warwickshire saved the match in great style, Smith, the wicket-keeper, scoring 101 not out.

Leicester Going Strong.

Endeavour to Force A Win.

By declaring at 81 (for 0 wickets) in the second innings of the match against Glamorgan at Leicester, Major G. H. S. Fowke, the Leicestershire captain, made a daring effort to force a win. Rain interfered when Glamorgan were replying strongly.

Leicester gained points for a lead on the first innings, the scores being:

Leicester: 258 and 81 (for 0 wickets).

Glamorgan: 167 and 46 (for 1 wicket).

Astall made 58 in the Leicester first innings, while C. F. Walters contributed 57 to the Glamorgan first innings' total.

Berry scored 50 not out in the Leicester second innings' total of 81.

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

	P. W. L.	1st. Inngs.	Pts.	No. Perc.
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Middlesex	1 0 0	0 0 8	8	100.00
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Surrey	3 1 0	2 0 24	18	75.00
Lancashire	4 2 0	1 1 32	24	75.00
Notts	3 1 0	1 1 24	16	66.66
Leicester	3 2 0	1 0 24	16	66.66
Kent	2 0 0	1 1 16	8	50.00
Essex	3 0 1	1 1 24	8	33.33
Hampshire	3 0 1	1 1 24	8	33.33
Glamorgan	3 0 1	0 2 24	6	25.00
Warwick	3 0 2	0 1 24	3	12.50
Gloucester	3 1 0	0 0 8	0	00.00
Sussex	2 0 0	0 0 16	0	00.00
Somerset	1 0 0	0 0 8	0	00.00
Northants	1 0 0	0 0 8	0	00.00
Worcester	3 0 3	0 0 24	0	00.00

PAID UMPIRES.

LAWN TENNIS INNOVATION.

The lawn tennis tournaments at Windlesham and Woking which are to be held in June will be the first at which paid umpires will be employed. The officials will be nominated by the Umpires' Union, which has been formed to supply professional umpires for lawn tennis tournaments.

In the case of Windlesham, 3 or 4 men per court will be engaged in order to give them a thorough trial. Already a dozen men have been receiving instruction for the past two months. Their full admission to the union depends on their being a success at Windlesham.

BASKETBALL.

A friendly basketball match will be played between the University of Hongkong and Wah Yan Old Boys' Union at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. playground this afternoon.

The players representing the W.Y.O.B.U. will be as follows:—Ko Ki Fan (Captain), Li Fu Yau, Leung Kung In, Fung Kwok Wah, Sze Ying Kuen. Reserves: Chu Fook To, Li Lai Yung and Kwok Hung Cheong.

LOUIS XIV'S CRADLE.

SALVAGE FROM TUSSAUD'S.

Touring Caledonian Market.

Mr. Herbert F. Ellis, a London expert in antiques, spotted among a pile of rubbish a gilt cradle, designed as a chariot on gold wheels, and bought it for a small sum. He now values his purchase at £1,000, believing it to be the actual cradle occupied by Louis the Fourteenth as a baby.

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"The cradle was brought to England by Madame Tussaud in 1802, and was purchased by her during the French Revolution," Mr. Ellis said to a Press representative.

"It has been seen by several experts as well as myself, and there is no doubt that it is a wonderful antique."

How so valuable an article found its way to Caledonia Market was explained by Mr. Ellis.

"A dealer bought the whole of the decorations and gilded work after the fire," he said, "and the cradle, in a very dirty condition, was found amongst the articles purchased. It would not be seen much by the public, because I understand it came out of the basement."

Seen by a Press representative, Mr. John Tussaud said he had no knowledge of the cradle or that it had ever been in the possession of any member of his family.

NEW ZEALANDERS DEFEATED.

Essex Win By Five Wickets.

At Leyton, the New Zealanders were defeated by five wickets in the highest scoring match of the last three days.

O'Connor was in form with both bat and ball. He scored 65 runs, and in the course of the game took ten wickets. The scores were:

New Zealand: 289 and 208.

Essex: 373 and 125 (for 5 wickets).

J. E. Mills (Auckland) and T. C. Lowry (Hawke's Bay), the old Cambridge University captain and Somerset player, were the principal scorers in the New Zealand first innings. Mills scored 64 and Lowry 61. O'Connor took five wickets for 68 runs.

In reply, Essex batted soundly for 373. O'Connor making 65, Russell 76, Nichols 61, and Hubert Ashton 52. H. M. McGirr (Wellington) took six wickets for 77.

"In their second venture, New Zealand scored 208, the feature of the innings being a score of 79 by C. S. Dempster (Wanganui). Eastman took five wickets for 21 runs, and O'Connor took 5 for 92.

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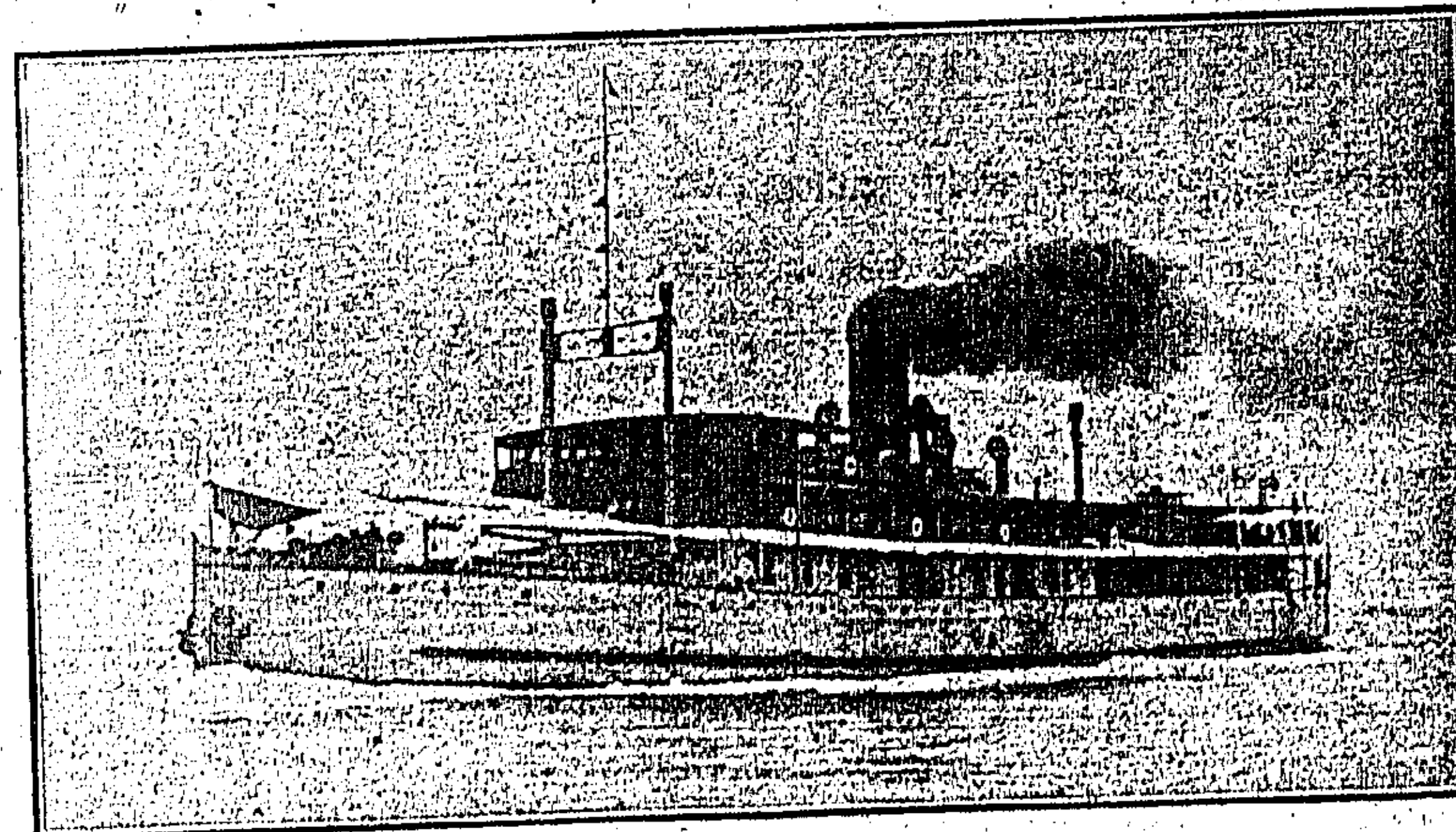
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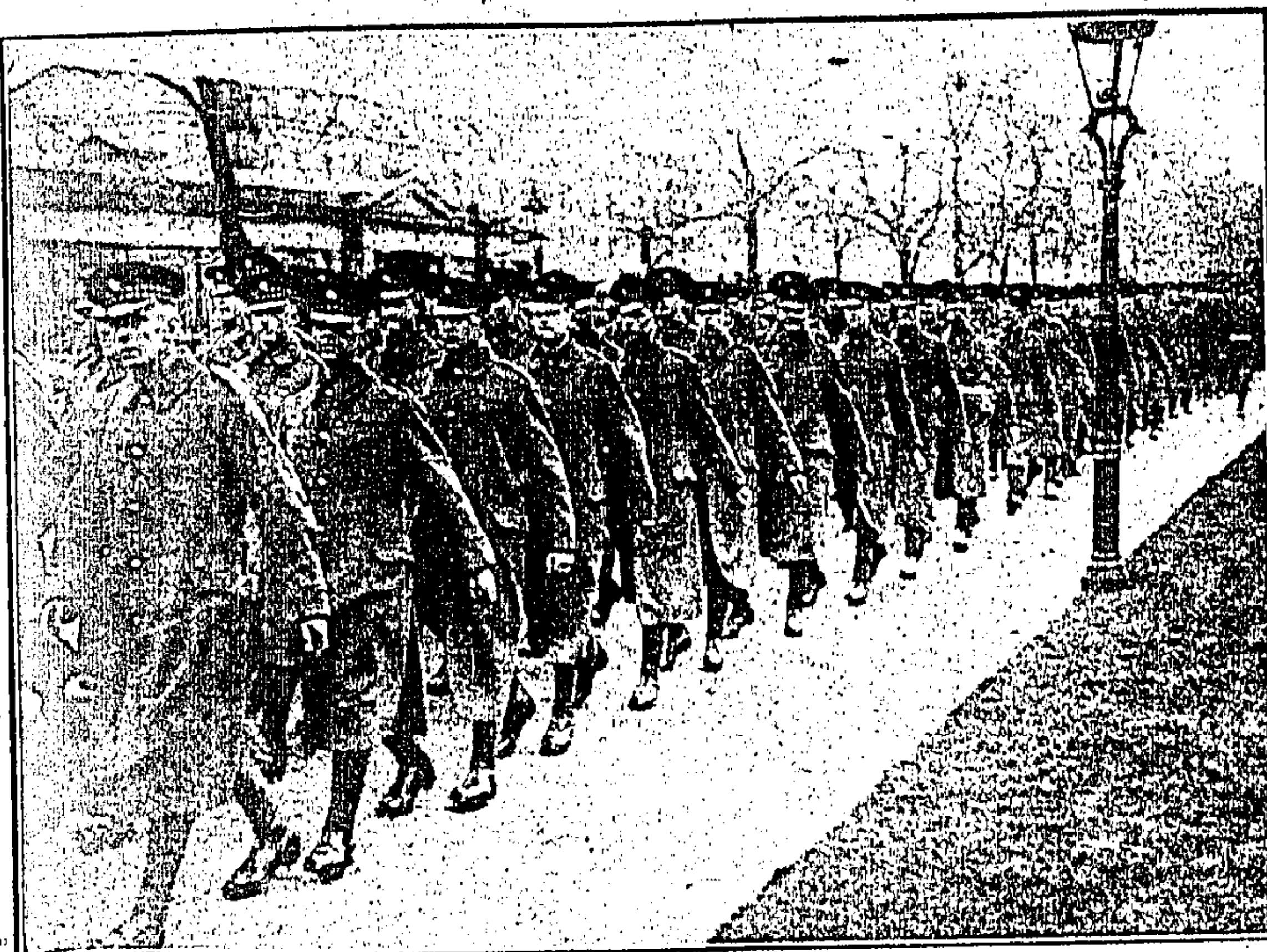
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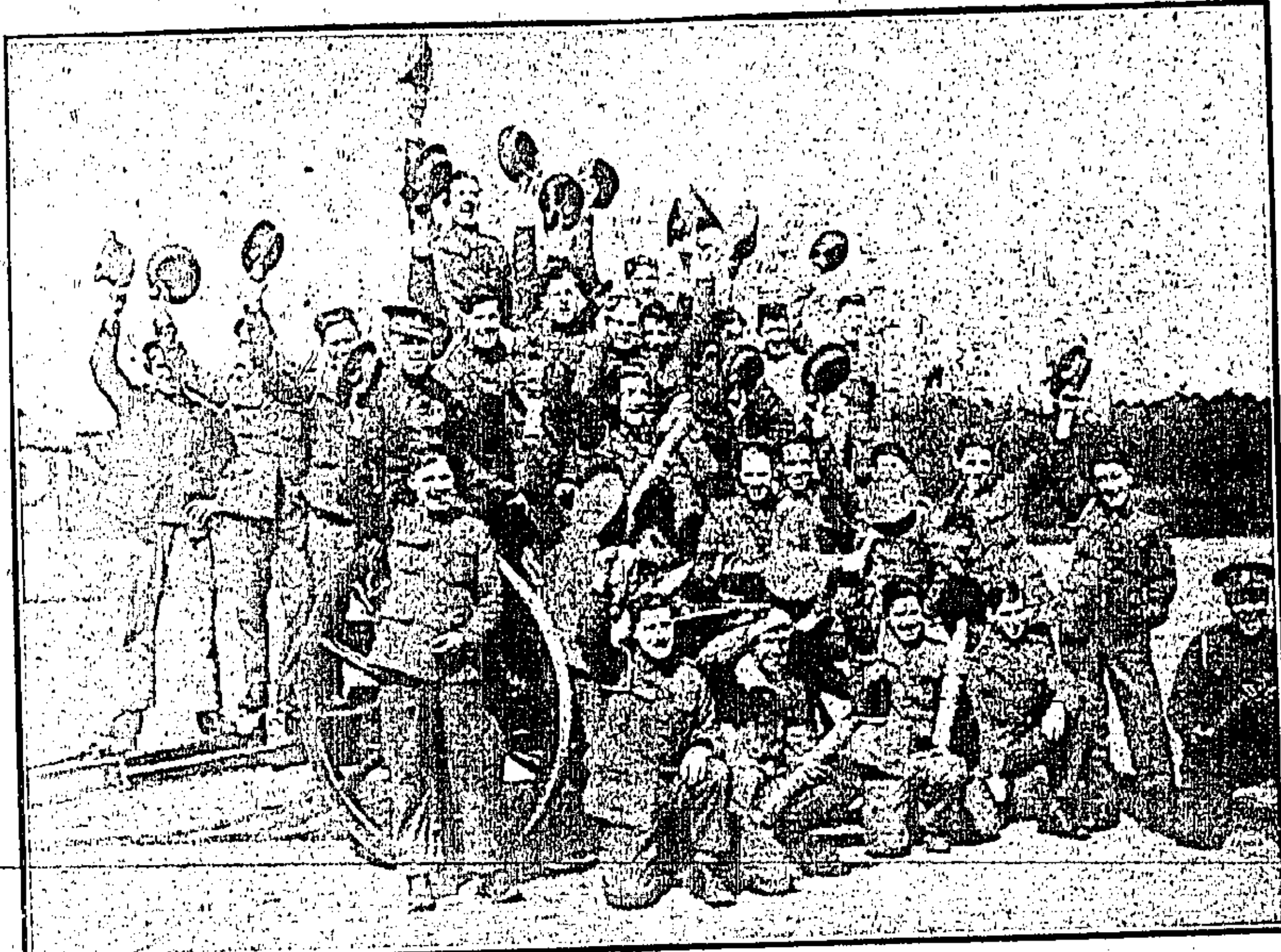
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MARINE ENQUIRY.

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on the starboard bow. The run of the tide was such that when the Moonshine's engines were stopped, she was carried to the starboard quarter of the Leung Kwong, but no damage was done.

The Moonshine remained in this position, and took off some 50 or 60 passengers, after which she was moved to the port side and approximately 60 more passengers were removed.

After the first impact, the Leung Kwong commenced to dive by the head, with a list to starboard. The Moonshine remained on the scene for about 45 minutes, after which she proceeded to Cheung-shawan and landed the survivors. The position of the sinking was close to the shore, on witness's starboard side of the Channel, the vessel going down in six or seven minutes.

Previous Experience.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness repeated the facts of his certification. He had first been in the steam launch Man Shin, remaining in her about a year, and then went to the Wo Shun. He again changed to another steam launch, as assistant coxswain, running up the West River. He had been re-examined as a coxswain during the early part of the current month, and his appointment to the Moonshine dated a few days later, this trip being his first in the Moonshine as coxswain.

Witness had no knowledge of a stone pier or an old Police Pier in the vicinity of the Capsuimun red light. He had never noticed any erection of any sort except a few houses, proceeding to the northward from Hongkong, on the right hand side of the channel.

The one long blast was sounded when the side lights of the Leung Kwong were sighted, and a warning to her to pass to port, and also that the Moonshine was altering to starboard. The vessels were then about 800 yards apart, and the Moonshine was approximately 200 feet from the shore on her own side. When the distance between the vessels had decreased to about 200 feet, only the red light of the Leung Kwong was visible, the course of the Moonshine being maintained.

It was at this time that the Leung Kwong sheered over to port. The only alterations of course

made by the Moonshine were to starboard, once on first sighting and then again when the Leung Kwong sounded two blasts. The course at the time of collision was about South-west, but witness could not state with any certainty what was the course of the Leung Kwong.

The Court was somewhat amused by the efforts to interpret "eddies" to witness. A member of the court then gave it as "chow-chow water," and witness admitted that there was a great deal of it in Capsuimun, probably sufficient at times to turn a ship from her course.

The Moonshine stood by for nearly an hour, and while she was engaged in picking up passengers, other vessels arrived, one of which he now knew to be the On Lee. The Kwong Took Cheong was also present.

Witness had given no information to any person as to his own or the name of his launch, until arrival at Cheungshawan. He then told the Police.

When the red light was abeam the Moonshine was 300 feet from the beach of the Southern shore, said witness after involved questioning and the production of large-scale charts.

The ebb tide may have carried the Moonshine over a little, but not more than 400 feet from the red light.

A Denial.

Mr. Sheldon put it to witness that he had in fact been carried into a bay on the northern side adjacent to the stone pier already mentioned, and further that when the Leung Kwong entered the channel, the Moonshine was headed East from this point. This witness denied.

From the time of first sighting the side lights of the Leung Kwong up to the time of the collision about 2½ minutes elapsed.

A number of questions relative to positions and courses steered left witness unshaken.

Mr. Jenkin addressed the Court on the subject of responsibility of the Moonshine, and pointed out that nothing had come from the cross-examination which in any way reflected upon the seamanship of the Moonshine. He could call no other witnesses, since the case could not be strengthened, but while counsel could conduct the cross-examination in whatever way he wished, nothing had been established to make a case for the Leung Kwong. Mr. Sheldon, replying, pointed

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out that the cross-examination had been intended to show that at some time or other the Moonshine had been on the wrong side of the channel and had at some time prior to the collision crossed over to impede the Leung Kwong in her navigation of the Pass.

Commr. Merriman, addressing witness, asked whether at any time the white flashing light on the island was seen on the starboard bow of the Moonshine.

Witness said he had seen it only on the port bow.

Witness, replying to further questions by the same member of the Court, stated that he reached Cheungshawan at 10.30 p.m., but in the ordinary course of events would have berthed at about 8.15.

He did not use a compass when going through the Pass, although there was one fitted.

The red light only was seen at 250 feet and the green light came into view at a little less than 200 feet interval between the vessels.

This concluded the evidence of the coxswain of the Moonshine, and the Court adjourned to 2.30 p.m.

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